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## The Baldwin Grass Catcher.

The use of lawn mowers has now become general and is acknowledged to be a necessity, not only as a valuable time-saving machine, but because it is impossible to keep the lawn in a proper condition and give it a handsome appearance without one. The question of how to get rid of the cut grass or clippings has of late been an important matter. The use of a common rake will dig up the roots of the grass, and a sweeper of any kind brushes up the roots in an injurious way, yet an accumulation of grass around the roots is a great obstacle in securing a handsome velvet lawn. Although grass boxes have been considered essential in Great Britain for many years to secure the best growth and greatest beauty of lawn, yet the fact of their being a heavy and unwieldy attachment has hitherto prevented their being popular in this country. The Baldwin Grass Catcher which we illustrate overcomes these objections. It consists simply of a frame made of wire rods, with wire cross-rods, covered with sail duck cloth. It has no connection with the handle, but the iron rods are attached to the axle resting securely on the lower part of the frame of the mower, as seen in Fig. 1. The weight of a

## The Color of White Lead.

There is probably no pigment the color of which is so sensitive as that of white lead. The chemical reactions taking place during its manufacture are, in a certain sense, so complicated, and are, in the methods used, so imperfectly under the control of the manufacturer, that it is difficult to trace the causes leading to the production of white lead having a reddish, grayish or yellowish tinge. It has been the custom of white-lead manufacturers to attribute failures to obtain a pure color more to quality of the raw material used and less to the irregularities in manufacture than the facts would appear to warrant. Both producers and users of lead have a strong interest in having the causes leading to the production of impure shades brought to light, because the difference in price between common and refined brands of lead ranges between \$4 and \$6 per ton. A growing proportion of our domestic lead is obtained from the base bullion produced from impure argentiferous ores of the Rocky Mountains. While some of the works which extract the silver from the raw lead there produced have succeeded, by close attention to refining, in making a metal pronounced excellent for white-lead

any one of them admissible, are therefore considerable:

Ingredients.	Granby, Mo.	St. Joe, Mo.	Mine La Motte, Mo.	"Rozier," Vallé Heath.	Pittsburgh, Pa.	Clausthal, Germany.	Unwashed White Lead from Clausthal Lead.
Arsenic, per cent.	0.0016	0.0013	0.0004	0.0014	0.0009	0.0009	0.0007
Antimony, "	0.0007	0.0007	0.0019	0.0014	0.0001	0.0008	0.0007
Silver, "	0.0009	0.0009	0.0009	0.0009	0.0009	0.0009	0.0009
Copper, "	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010
Iron, "	0.0011	0.0011	0.0011	0.0011	0.0011	0.0011	0.0011
Zinc, "	0.0012	0.0012	0.0012	0.0012	0.0012	0.0012	0.0012
Nickel, "	0.0013	0.0013	0.0013	0.0013	0.0013	0.0013	0.0013

Some interesting data bearing on the questions involved were some years ago published in pamphlet form by Herr E. Landsberg, an eminent German metallurgist, of the Stolberg works. Experiments made at Stolberg prove that lead holding 0.5 per cent. of zinc furnishes white lead of standard purity. In all the analyses given the quantity is far below that limit, which in fact represents the saturation of lead with zinc at low temperatures. Antimony has been proved by Dr. Hampe to have no injurious effect. That prominent specialist took Tarnowitz lead holding 0.0013 of antimony, and by additions raised its percentage to 0.0492 per cent. Both metals were corroded, and no appreciative difference was noted in the quality of the product of both. Copper has always been regarded with much suspicion, but the analyses of leading English brands of lead, which are reported to be good for corroding purposes, dispel much of the danger. Percy quotes analyses of best selected of the London Lead Company, which show 0.0236 per cent., and of W. Blackett showing 0.0318 per cent., while our Missouri leads used for white lead purposes are also comparatively high in copper. Herr Landsberg states that, while it is difficult to give any limit, 0.003 to 0.004 per cent. is undoubtedly safe. For those who produce lead from argentiferous base bullion by the zinc process, copper is without any danger, as it can be brought down to very low limits, with the greatest certainty and ease. Iron to the extent of 0.003 per cent. has no bad effect, especially as the bulk of it is eliminated during the process of manufacture, as the analysis of Clausthal white lead given fully proves. Bismuth, the only metal which passes through the zinc desilverizing process and the ordinary refining processes without being separated from the lead, has been proved by Dr. Hampe to be neutral, as 0.1 per cent. even did not affect the color of the product. A different and somewhat perplexing state of affairs is revealed by the action of silver. While previous to the introduction of modern processes for the extraction of silver from lead, there was hardly one good corroding brand in the market holding less than 0.002 per cent., and running as high as 0.007 to 0.008 per cent., the lead now produced by the desilverizing process will show a reddish tinge, even if holding as little as 0.001 to 0.0015 per cent. That small quantities of silver have the effect of giving a reddish tinge to white lead, would seem to be shown by the following experiment made by Herr Landsberg, at Stolberg. He desilverized lead until it contained only 0.0006 per cent., and then added to different portions of the lead obtained sufficient quantities of the silver to carry it to 0.002, 0.0035, 0.0050 and 0.0065 per cent., respectively. These samples were then corroded at the same time and under the same conditions, and white lead was obtained in which the intensity of the red tint showed a regular progression in the order of its increasing percentage of silver. While the presumption is that silver caused the tinge alluded to, it is not absolutely certain whether or not other conditions which escaped observation contributed to the result. It would be safe under all conditions, however, to assume that a percentage of 0.0006 to 0.0008 of silver is safe—a limit which can be readily reached by careful desilverization by the Parkes zinc process. With the exception of silver, therefore, the limits of purity are far above those which may be easily attained, even with ordinary care, and experience with lead before modern refining processes were introduced would tend to show that even those limits might be safely exceeded. It is, therefore, a question whether greater caution exercised in the manufacture of white lead itself might not bring a wider range of metal into use. There seems to be little foundation for the assertion that gray or yellowish color ought to be referred to the quality of the lead used, and some chemists incline even to at-

tributing the reddish tinge to others than the cause already noted.

Bannow and Kraemer claim to have traced the reddish color to the presence of a low oxide of lead, the formation of which was due to a lack of air during the process—a view in which they are sustained by Lorscheid. Weise traces the gray color to the presence of minute particles of metallic lead in material poorly prepared for the market. He, too, assigns much of the trouble to irregularities in the process, bringing about incomplete oxidation. He analyzed highly-colored portions from a lot obtained while the process was imperfect, and found a considerable quantity of oxide of lead. It does not seem surprising, says Herr Landsberg, that an imperfect product is obtained when it is considered that the operations are uncertain, especially on a large scale; nor is it astonishing that various tinges will appear when operating with a metal the oxides of which show such intense and various shades as lead does. In using materials 99.9 parts of which are composed of this metal, it is not to be supposed that the injurious influence of the oxides possibly formed should be insignificant when compared with the minute quantities of impurities which have hitherto been

used is 100 pounds per square inch, and we are informed by Messrs. Garrett that during a series of recent trials on the brake the engine worked with as low a consumption as 22.8 pounds of water per brake horse-power per hour, the load on the brake being at the time equal to 29-horse-power, and the engine making 175 revolutions per minute. This trial lasted 2 hours 4 minutes, and the consumption of Llangennech coal was at the rate of 3.17 pounds per horse-power per hour, the evaporation being 7.2 pounds of water per pound of coal, from a temperature of 110 degrees. This is a very excellent performance as far as the consumption of water is concerned, but the evaporative duty of the boiler is open to improvement. The engine has the valve chests on the outer side of the cylinders, and the slide valves are of the Trick pattern, giving a double-ported admission to the steam. For facilitating the starting of the engine, Messrs. Garrett have introduced the arrangement of stop valve. When in its extreme position to the right, the valve admits steam to the high-pressure cylinder, and places the exhaust of that cylinder in connection with the valve chest of the low-pressure cylinder. In its mid-position the valve partly throttles the steam admission to the

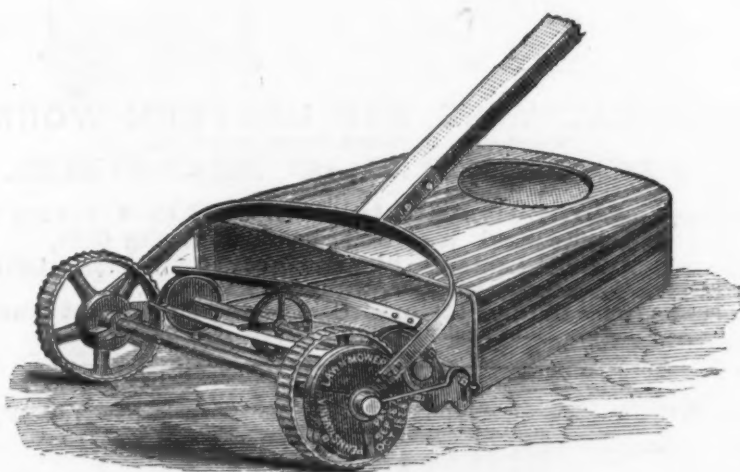


Fig. 1.—The Catcher Attached to Lawn Mower.

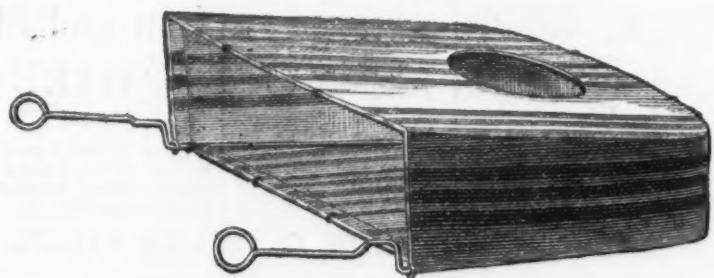


Fig. 2.—The Catcher Unattached.

THE BALDWIN GRASS CATCHER.

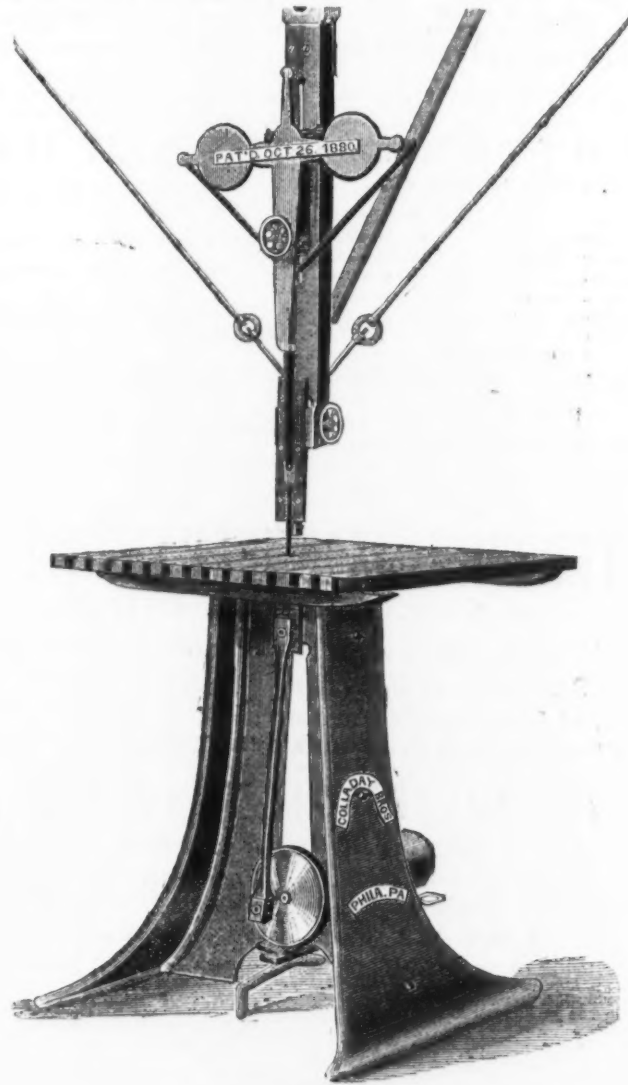
catcher of ordinary size is less than four pounds, and does not retard the working of the mower. It is easily emptied, either by taking the grass from an opening in the catcher or by raising the handle and reversing the mower, when the grass can be emptied in a pile on any particular spot on the lawn. It can, of course, only be used by those machines which throw the cut grass backward, and is particularly adapted to the Pennsylvania lawn mower, the manufacturers of which, Messrs. Lloyd, Supplee & Walton, of Philadelphia, and their agents in this city, Messrs. Durrie & McCarty, control the production and sale.

## The Calladay Scroll Saw.

In the accompanying engraving we illustrate a scroll saw of recent design, manufactured by Messrs. Jos. O. Calladay & Co., of Philadelphia. With a view of making the machine as substantial as possible, the manufacturers build it entirely of iron and steel, with the exception of the table top, which is made of narrow strips of hard maple and walnut. As will be seen, it is mounted on a heavy pedestal. The journal shaft below the table is steel, and runs in Babbitt metal boxes of ample size. The driving pulley, which makes from 800 to 1000 revolutions per minute, is 6 inches in diameter, and has a 2½-inch face, upon which also the brake is made to operate. Both the brake and the pulley shifter are moved by the foot. The cross heads and the ways are made of steel and gun metal, while the springs are steel. The tension of the latter can be evenly graduated by turning a screw acting upon their lower end.

purposes—notably the St. Louis and Pittsburgh works—others are still forced to market their lead at lower rates. There are other questions, too, worth while considering. After the extraction of the silver by means of zinc, a small percentage—¼ to ½ of 1 per cent.—of zinc remains in the lead, which is otherwise pure. In order to remove this, the lead must go through a refining process. If it could be shown that this lead containing zinc would be as fit for the purposes of the corrodor as the softened metal, the entire expense and losses of the refining process could be saved. Whether it would offer any advantages would be a matter to be decided by the corrodors.

The main question, however, remains—whether and in what degree impurities in the lead affect the quality of the white lead produced from the metal, and whether the raw material is properly chargeable with the defects of the product. While there are indications amounting almost to proof that certain quantities of certain impurities have a bad effect, there can be little doubt that negligence or accidents in the manufacture are more to blame than is generally believed. In order to give an idea of the difficulty experienced in tracing the effect of impurities by reason of the high degree of purity of good brands of metal, we may quote the following analyses, made by Prof. Williams, of Rolla, Mo.; Prof. Wuth, of Pittsburgh; Prof. Hampe, of Clausthal, Germany, and others. From these analyses it will be seen that in good lead the total quantity, six or more impurities together, does not reach one-tenth of one per cent., and is sometimes even below one-half of that amount. The difficulties of tracing and defining the limits of the quantity of



THE CALLADAY SCROLL SAW.

so frequently and so unjustly accused. Without considering the possible effect of impure reagents in the manufacture, it seems proper to call attention to one fact too much neglected by the smelters of lead, one which, by the way, has much to do with the fitness of the metal, notably for the manufacture of sheet lead and the high qualities of so-called "virgin lead" for the latter purpose. Both in copper and in steel, the great importance of eliminating the oxygen absorbed during the refining processes has long been recognized. With lead this matter has not, to our knowledge, ever been taken into consideration. By using the proper methods for reducing the suboxide absorbed during the refining process, the resistance of the metal to acids might be increased on the one hand, and on the other a possible source of coloring of white lead might be avoided.

## SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL.

English manufacturers of agricultural machinery are devoting considerable attention to

### COMPOUND PORTABLE ENGINES.

At the recent Smithfield Club Show three engines were exhibited, among others being one by Messrs. Garrett & Sons, of Leiston, of which *Engineering* gives the following details: The engine is of the intermediate receiver type, with cranks at right angles, and the cylinders, which are not steam jacketed, are respectively 7¼ and 11½ inches in diameter, the stroke in both cases being 10 inches. The engine is rated by its makers as a 10-horse. The steam pressure

high-pressure cylinder, but at the same time allows live steam to pass to the low-pressure cylinder, while the exhaust of the high-pressure cylinder, in place of passing to the low-pressure valve chest, passes to the low-pressure exhaust. In the extreme left-hand position the valve shuts off steam from both cylinders.

In a recent number of *Comptes Rendus*, M. J. Saleran calls attention to

### DEFLECTIONS IN THERMOMETERS AND HYDROMETERS.

if used for certain purposes. Changes in thermometers ranging as high as 8 to 10 degrees occur at printing-ink works, where oils are heated for several days to 270 degrees, in glycerine works and with rectifiers of benzol. Glass is not merely modified when heated to 300 degrees; it undergoes true deformation at far lower temperatures. Thus, the hydrometers used in sugar works, which are often exposed for a considerable time to temperatures of 95 degrees, are affected. After an immersion of some days they are completely modified, their weight decreases and they become erroneous to the extent of 7° to 8° B. The editor of the *Chemical News* adds that in many chemical works it has been found necessary to submit all hydrometers used for hot liquids to a weekly comparison with a standard instrument.

Judge Bond has rendered a decision in the United States Circuit Court at Baltimore, in the case of the Pullman Car Company against the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company. He refuses to grant an injunction against the railroad for an infringement of the Pullman patent.



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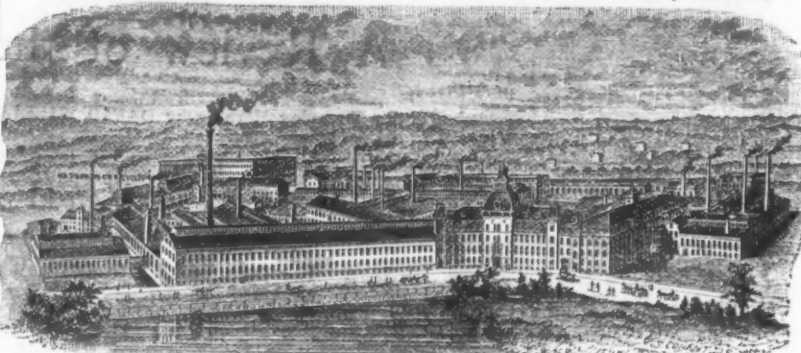
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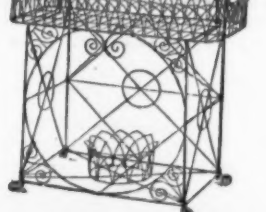
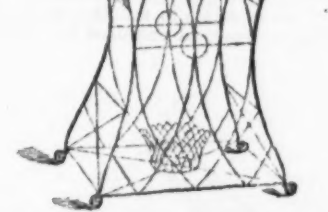
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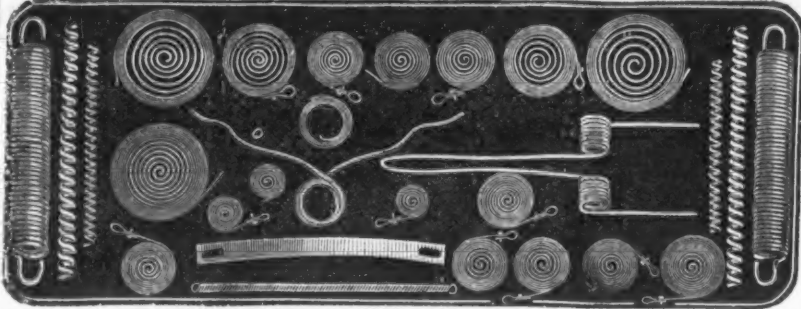
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**Barbed Wire Suits.**

Judges Drummond and Blodgett, of the United States Circuit Court for the Northern District of Illinois, rendered jointly, yesterday, in the barbed wire litigation, perhaps one of the most important opinions ever delivered in this country, involving, as it does, many millions in its results. This litigation was begun in the Federal Court here over four years since, and has been pending ever since. Fourteen bills were filed to enforce the barbed wire patents owned by the Washburn & Moen Mfg. Co. and Isaac L. Ellwood, and these cases are all decided by the present opinion. The cases so disposed of are as follows:

Washburn & Moen Mfg. Co. and Isaac L. Ellwood vs. Jacob Haish; Washburn & Moen Mfg. Co. vs. Jacob Haish; Washburn & Moen Mfg. Co. and Isaac L. Ellwood vs. Illinois Fence Co. et al.; Washburn & Moen Mfg. Co. and Isaac L. Ellwood vs. the Sandwich Enterprise Co. et al.; Washburn & Moen Mfg. Co. and Isaac L. Ellwood vs. the Lyman Mfg. Co. et al.; Washburn & Moen Mfg. Co. and Isaac L. Ellwood vs. Stone City Barb Fence Co. et al.; Washburn & Moen Mfg. Co. and Isaac L. Ellwood vs. the Chicago Galvanized Wire Fence Co. et al.; Washburn & Moen Mfg. Co. and Isaac L. Ellwood vs. Edwin A. Beers, and Washburn & Moen Mfg. Co. vs. Edwin A. Beers.

The following eminent counsel were engaged in the conduct of these cases:

For the complainants: Coburn & Thacher, Chicago; Thomas H. Dodge, Worcester, Mass.; Benjamin F. Thurston, Providence, R. I.; Offield & Towle, Chicago; West & Bond, Chicago; Lawrence, Campbell & Lawrence, Chicago; Charles Mason, Burlington, Iowa; Hiram P. Dillon, Topeka, Kan.; Miller & Godfrey, Des Moines, Iowa. For the defendants: George Payson, N. C. Gridley and Munday & Everts, of Chicago; George Christy, of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Albert H. Walker, of Hartford, Conn.

Owing to the importance of the subject the opinion is given in full.

In the Circuit Court of the United States for the Northern District of Illinois. Washburn & Moen Mfg. Co. and Isaac L. Ellwood vs. Jacob Haish.

These are two of a series of 14 cases brought by the plaintiff upon the chancery side of this court for an injunction and damages, by reason of the alleged infringement by defendant of certain patents owned by the complainants relating to barbed fence wire. By the first suit the plaintiffs allege that they are the owners of the following patents, issued by the United States:

1. Patent No. 67,117, issued July 23, 1867, to William D. Hunt, and reissued, No. 6976, March 7, 1876, to Charles Kennedy, assignee of William D. Hunt.  
2. Patent No. 150,683, issued May 12, 1874, to Joseph H. Glidden, and reissued, No. 6913, February 8, 1876, to said Glidden.  
3. Patent No. 66,182, dated June 25, 1868, issued to Lucien B. Smith, and reissued, No. 7136, dated May 23, 1876.  
4. Patent No. 157,124, dated November 24, 1874, issued to J. F. Glidden.

All of which patents, it is charged, have been duly assigned by mesne assignments to the plaintiffs, the Washburn & Moen Mfg. Co. and Isaac L. Ellwood.

The patents involved in the second suit are as follows:

1. Patent No. 74,369, issued to Michael Kelly, dated February 11, 1868, and reissued, No. 6902, dated February 9, 1876.  
2. Patent No. 84,062, dated November 17, 1868, issued to Michael Kelly, and reissued, No. 7035, dated April 4, 1876.  
3. Patent No. 163,955, issued to Charles Kennedy, dated August 11, 1874.

The title to all of which patents has, it is claimed, been, by mesne assignments from the respective patentees, duly vested in the complainant, the Washburn & Moen Mfg. Co.

The defenses set up are:  
1. A denial of the patentability of the devices in question, because from the state of the art it only requires mechanical skill, and not inventive genius, to construct them.  
2. A denial of the validity of said patents for want of novelty, on the ground that barbed wire has been publicly known and used long prior to the alleged inventions.

3. A denial of the validity of the several reissued patents for the reason, it is insisted, that the inventions now claimed by the reissues are not found in the original specifications, drawings, and models.

4. That, even admitting the validity of the letters patent, the defendant does not infringe the same, nor any of them.

5. A denial of the complainant's title to the Hunt patent, and their right to maintain this suit upon the title shown.

With regard to the last point named, raising the question of title to the Hunt patent, it is sufficient, we think, to say, that the objection comes too late to be considered upon the merits of the cause. In the assignment by Hunt of his interest in the original patent he purports to convey all his right, title, and interest in the said letters patent, "excepting 32 or 33 counties heretofore sold and assigned," not designating the counties thus previously sold and assigned; and the defendant insists that the conveyance by Hunt is so far ambiguous as that nothing passes by this assignment, because it is uncertain what counties were so reserved or had been previously conveyed. We think it enough to say that this reservation is such as is capable of being made certain by competent evidence, showing what counties had been actually conveyed by Hunt. The bills allege that certain counties in certain States were the ones upon which the exception operated, and the answers do not traverse or deny this allegation. Besides this, since the assignment from Hunt was made this patent has been reissued to Hunt's assignee, and we think it must be presumed that the title was fully exhibited to the

patent officer at the time of such reissuance; at least that a reissue to the assignee of Hunt raises a presumption of title in the assignee. If the defendant wished to raise the question as to whether the reservation included the territory now in controversy, they should have raised it by their answer, or at least have put in proof tending to show that the title to some part of the territory involved in this suit was not conveyed by the original assignment from Hunt.

A large mass of testimony has been put into the cases bearing upon the question of novelty and the state of the art at the time these inventions are claimed to have been made. The defendants have introduced voluminous proofs tending to show the public use of barbed wire for fencing purposes long prior to any of these alleged inventions. We will not take the time to examine those proofs in detail, but dispose of that branch of the case by saying that these proofs fail to satisfy us that barbed wire for fencing purposes had ever been publicly known or used prior to these inventions in such manner as to defeat these inventions for want of novelty. We do not intend to be understood as intimating that the witnesses who have testified to the various instances of the use of barbed wire for fencing purposes have been guilty of intentional false swearing, but simply to say that this proof, which is almost wholly made up of the recollections of witnesses revived after the lapse of many years, and contradicted, as it is in most instances, by the explicit testimony of other equally credible witnesses, leaves so much doubt as to the actual existence of these various barbed wire fences, or any of them, as to make it at least unsafe ground on which to defeat a patent. The rule as to the degree of proof required to defeat a patent by showing prior use is well stated in the following authorities:

In *Cochran vs. Ogden*, 18 Wal., 120, the opinion having been delivered by Mr. Justice Swayne, it is said:

"The invention or discovery relied upon as a defense must have been complete and capable of producing the result sought, and this must be shown by the defendant. The burden of proof rests upon him, and every reasonable doubt should be resolved against him."

So, too, Judge Wheeler, in the case of *Webster Loom Co. vs. Higgins*, 16 Off. Gaz., 675, says: "The burden of proof rests upon the defendant to show beyond any fair doubt the prior knowledge and use set up."

In *Howe vs. Underwood*, 1 Fisher, 175, Judge Sprague said:

"How invariable is it that after a great invention has been brought before the world, has become known to the public, and been put in form to be useful, that people start up in various places and declare that they invented the same thing before. The cotton-gin and the other discovery are illustrations in point; and others of similar character might be added indefinitely. These pretended prior inventors had thought of such a thing; that they had the conception of such a thing, perhaps; but they never carried it to the extent of making it of practical utility, so that the world could obtain possession of it. But when they find that another has completed that which they had begun, they are astonished that they did not see, think they must have seen all that is necessary, and claim that they have invented it. After having seen what has been done, the mind is very apt to blend the subsequent information with prior recollections, and confuse them together. Prophecy after the event is easy prophecy. I think that this is one of the cases in which several of the witnesses have been led into the illusion of believing that they knew before what they have learned or been taught."

The same learned Judge, in *Hayden vs. Suffolk Mfg. Co.*, 4 Fisher, 103, said: "Where an invention of a useful machine or structure or improvement in any machine is shown to have been made, and it is sought to be invalidated by an old machine made years ago, the jury should examine the testimony and the evidence with care and caution, so as to be satisfied that that which is said to have existed was actually and substantially the same."

"The rule of law is a reasonable one; at all events, it is a rule of law that a party that sets up such an old instrument that has passed away, has upon him the burden of satisfying the jury, upon a preponderance of evidence, that it is substantially the same as what has taken place before they will set aside the patent."

So, in *Goodyear vs. Day*, 2 Wallace, Jr., 283, Mr. Justice Grier says: "It is usually the case, where any valuable discovery is made or any new machine of great utility has been invented, that the attention of the public has been turned to the subject previously, and that many persons have been making researches and experiments. \* \* Many experiments may have been unsuccessfully tried, coming very near, yet falling short of, the desired result. They have produced nothing beneficial. The invention, when perfected, may truly be said to be the culminating point of many experiments, not only of the inventor, but by many others. He may have profited indirectly by the unsuccessful experiments and failures of others, but it gives them no right to claim a share of the honor or the profit of the successful inventor."

The testimony as to the state of the art shows that fence wire and wire fences and wires for such purposes, composed of two or more strands twisted or laid together, were old at the time these inventions entered the field; also that fences had been, long before Hunt's invention, armed with spikes or other sharp projecting points, for the purpose of making them more effective in resisting the encroachments of animals or other intruders. Indeed, the thorn hedges, which have been used almost from time immemorial, are in one sense only a barbed fence, their effectiveness as a barrier arising mainly from the natural thorns or spurs with which the hedge shrubs are armed. It must be conceded, both from the proofs in these cases and from those common facts within the knowledge and observation of all intelligent persons, that the idea of furnishing a fence or wall with some kind of sharp spikes or pricklers is old. The ordinary picket fence; the device of spikes on area



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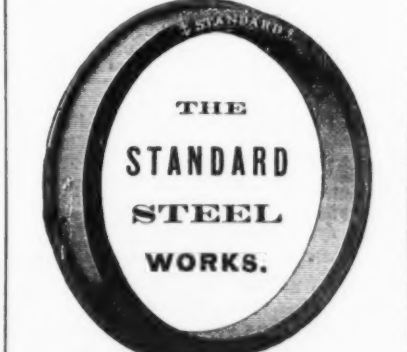
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railings to prevent loungers from leaning  
against them; the placing of broken glass,  
pottery or sharp stones or spikes upon the  
tops of walls to protect fruit gardens, are  
well-known illustrations of what we refer  
to. The most that can be said of these old  
devices, as applicable to these patents, is  
that they narrow the field for the exercise  
of inventive faculty and limit the range of  
the patents.

In this connection it is proper to consider  
briefly the objection that these devices are  
not patentable from the fact that in view of  
what was well known in the same direction  
it did not require inventive genius to make  
any of the devices involved in these patents;  
but that only mechanical skill was requisite  
to adapt old devices to this new use.

There is no doubt that a device, in order  
to be patentable, must be the result of in-  
ventive genius. The mere mechanical adap-  
tation of old things to new uses is not un-  
usually invention, unless in combinations;  
and yet it is extremely difficult in many  
cases to say just where the inventive faculty  
asserts itself as the controlling force. And  
the authorities furnish us no satisfactory  
test to apply and determine this question.  
Although there is usually little difficulty in  
determining as a matter of fact in each case  
whether a device is or is not in some degree  
the result of invention, if there is any in-  
vention required, then the law will not at-  
tempt to measure its extent or degree. If,  
for instance, the proof had shown that  
wire provided with barbs, spurs, or prickers  
was a well-known article, used for other  
purposes than fencing, there would be no  
difficulty in saying that it did not require in-  
vention, or the exercise of the inventive  
faculty, to substitute it for fencing purposes,  
in place of plain wire which had been used  
before. But we cannot say that the in-  
ventive or creative faculty is not required,  
in devising a mode by which plain fence  
wire can be armed with spurs, so as to make  
it available as an effective fencing material.  
The proof does not show that such wire was  
known, and applied to other uses. No one,  
so far as this record shows, had made or  
used it before for any other purpose; so,  
that to our minds, it seems quite clear that  
it required invention to devise and produce  
a barbed wire which could be practically  
used for fencing purposes. In the absence  
of any other test, the courts have seemed to  
assume that the fact of the acceptance of a  
new device or combination by the public,  
and putting it into extensive use, was evi-  
dence that it was the product of invention.  
Or, as one of the counsel for plaintiff ex-  
pressed it, "utility is suggestive of origi-  
nality."

In Smith & Goodyear's Dental Vulcanite  
Company, 3d Otto, 456, Mr. Justice Strong  
said: "Undoubtedly, the result or conse-  
quences of a process or manufacture may, in  
some cases, be regarded as of importance  
when the inquiry is whether the process or  
manufacture exhibits invention, thought and  
ingenuity."

Webster, on the subject of patents, page  
30, says: "The utility of the change, as  
ascertained by its consequences, is the real  
practical test of the sufficiency of an inven-  
tion, and, since the one cannot exist without  
the other, the existence of the one may be  
presumed on proof of the existence of the  
other. Where the utility is proved to exist  
in any degree, a sufficiency of invention to  
support the patent must be presumed. We  
do not say the single fact that a device has  
gone into general use, and has displaced  
other devices which had previously been  
employed for analogous uses, establishes in  
all cases that the later device involves a po-  
tent invention. It may, however, al-  
ways be considered, and, when the other  
facts in the case leave the question in doubt,  
it is sufficient to turn the scale."

So, in Eppinger vs. Richey, 14 Blatchford,  
307, Judge Shipman said: "Two facts exist  
in this case; one is that an important im-  
provement has been made; the second is  
that the improvement is in a staple article  
which has been manufactured in this coun-  
try for a long series of years. \* \* \*  
The utility of the patented article has been  
evinced by its large sales. \* \* \* The  
inventor evidently gave to the public an ar-  
ticle which it wanted and which it had not  
previously known, without giving to the  
general use of the invention, as a test of its  
patent ability, any greater importance than  
the Supreme Court, in the case of Smith vs.  
Goodyear Dental Vulcanite Company (above  
quoted), indicate should be given to this cir-  
cumstance. I am of the opinion that the  
facts in the case fully establish the conclu-  
sions: 1. That, however simple the change  
in the method of manufacture apparently  
may have been, yet it was a change which  
required invention for its accomplishment.  
2. That the improvement resulting from the  
changed method of manufacture has been so  
great that the article which is produced is,  
within the meaning of the patent acts, a  
new and useful article of manufacture."

Mr. Justice Shepley said, in the case of  
Isaacs vs. Abrams, 14 Off. Gaz. 862: "A  
change in the form of a machine or instru-  
ment, though slight, if it works a successful  
result, not before accomplished in a similar  
way, in the art to which it is applied, or in  
any other, is patentable."

Judge Shipman said in Standard Works  
vs. Sargent, 8 Blatchford, 346, "Utility is  
not an infallible test of originality. The  
patent law requires a thing to be new as  
well as useful, in order to entitle it to the  
protection of the statute. To be new in the  
sense of the act it must be the product of  
original thought of inventive skill, and not  
a mere formal or mechanical change of what  
was old and well-known, but the effect pro-  
duced by the change is often an appropriate  
though not a controlling consideration in  
determining the character of the change  
itself."

Tested by the rule of utility here suggested,  
this record abundantly shows that the device  
in question has been accepted by the public  
to an extent which has hardly heretofore  
followed the most successful inventions.  
Its utility must be considered as a conceded  
fact. From what has already been de-  
veloped, it is clear that it has made possible  
the cultivation of the extensive prairies of  
the West, the pampas of Brazil, and the  
steppes of Russia, where, before the intro-  
duction of this cheap mode of fencing, it  
was impossible; and it has, even to a great

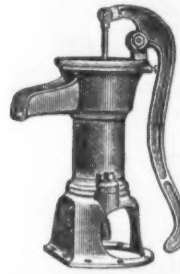


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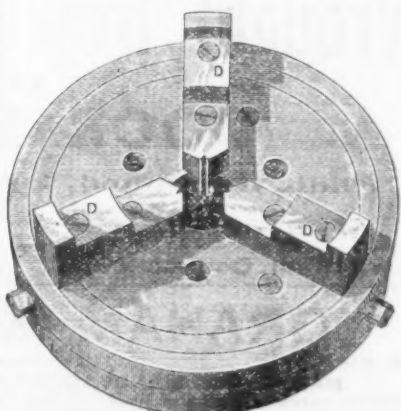
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extent, already superseded the use of wooden fences in the timbered portion of the country; and the question is, to whom but these inventors is the public indebted for this widely useful device?

The third objection, that the reissues are invalid, involves a consideration of the original patents in their order, and those patents as they now stand amended and re-issued.

The Hunt patent of July 23, 1867, was for his method of "providing the wires of a wire fence with a series of spur wheels." The reissued is for "a fence wire provided with spurs for the purpose specified." In other words, what Hunt at first claimed as his invention, and obtained a patent for, was his special mode of arming the wires of a wire fence with spur wheels or barbs; but in his reissue he claimed as his invention a barbed fence-wire as a new article of manufacture, and it is argued that while he may have been the first to place his particular kind of spur or barb on a fence-wire, and may have been entitled to a patent for such specific device, yet, he nowhere claimed to be the inventor of barbed or spurred wire as such, and therefore his broad claim in the reissue should not have been allowed, and cannot be sustained.

It is not deemed necessary to attempt here any full discussion of the law in regard to the reissue of patents. It is enough to state, as a general rule, that what is claimed in the reissue must be found in the original specifications, drawings and models; that is, "no new matter can be introduced into the specifications." The invention, as claimed in the reissue, must be found properly described in the original specifications. In the language of the Supreme Court, in *Powder Company vs. Powder Works*, 8 Otto, 138, "the specifications may be amended so as to make it more clear and distinct, the claim may be modified so as to make it more conformable to the exact rights of the patentee, but the invention must be the same. So particular is the law on this subject that it is declared that no new matter shall be introduced into the specification. This prohibition is general, relating to all patents; and by 'new matter' we suppose to be meant new substantive matter, such as would have the effect of changing the invention, or of introducing what might be the subject of another application for a patent. The danger to be provided against was the temptation to amend a patent so as to cover improvements which might have come into use, or might have been invented by others, after its issue. The Legislature was willing to concede to the patentee the right to amend his specification so as fully to describe and claim the very invention attempted to be secured by his original patent, and which was not fully secured thereby in consequence of inadvertence, accident or mistake; but was not willing to give him the right to patch up his patent by the addition of other inventions, which, though they might be his, had not been applied for by him, or, if applied for, had been abandoned or waived."

So in *Russell vs. Dodge*, 3 Otto, 463, Mr. Justice Field said: "And as a reissue can only be granted for the same invention embraced by the original patent, the specification could not be substantially changed, either by the addition of new matter or the omission of important particulars, so as to enlarge the scope of the invention as originally claimed. A defective specification could be rendered more definite and certain, so as to embrace the claim made, or the claim could be so modified as to correspond with the specification."

The doctrine of these authorities is that the inventor may in his specification on the reissue make his description more full and accurate; but he must not substantially change it so as to describe another device, or cover anything not in the original.

It would seem from the specification, and testimony of Hunt, that his idea of the mode of utilizing his device was for the user to purchase the spurs and fix them upon such of the wires composing his fence as he thought desirable; but experience demonstrated that the value of the invention consisted not in teaching each fence builder how to barb his own wire, but in the introduction of barbed wire as an article of manufacture, and in furnishing to the consumer the manufactured article ready for use without further need of mechanical skill, or the use of tools to fit it for its purpose beyond the single act of fastening it to the posts. It can hardly need evidence or argument to prove that Hunt's device is much more accurately described as "barbed fence wire," than as a method of barbing wire; and if he was the first to suggest the idea of barbing wire for fence purposes, he had the right to cover that by his patent. The specifications in the original and reissued patent are substantially the same. No material change is introduced, and whatever change is made is merely that of giving point or direction to the invention now claimed.

It is true that in his specification, original and amended, Hunt describes his invention as "an improvement in fences," but this is no part of the substance of his specifications, but only the more name which he chose to give to his device. Nor do we see any reason why Hunt, having described his method of barbing fence wire, might not have had the broad claim in his original which he obtained in his reissue; and if he could have had it in the first instance, he certainly had the right to it in the reissue. Hunt then, for the purpose of this case, must be deemed to have been the first to enter the field as an inventor of barbed-wire fencing. Others who followed him may have patents, subject to his, for improvements. His mode of barbing his wire was by a spur-wheel revolving loosely on the wires, or by single spurs strung upon the wire by holes punched through them. These spurs may have been expensive to manufacture, or affix to the wire, but that only went to the practicability of adopting his device, in competition with other fencing material then in use, and not to its novelty.

The next patent in order of time involved in this controversy is that issued June 25, 1867, to Lucien B. Smith, which, although earlier in matter of date than Hunt's, yet is of later conception, Hunt's invention going back to 1865. The only advance made in the art by Smith's invention was the idea of

fixing the barbs by the short kinks, or bends in the wire, so as to prevent them from moving lengthwise on the wire. So far as this device was an improvement on Hunt's, it may perhaps be held valid, but it cannot be held to include all equivalent methods of preventing lateral motion, because Hunt had suggested keeping the spurs at a suitable distance apart, by means of "flanges or otherwise." This Smith patent has been reissued with a claim for the bent wires as a means of preventing the movement of the barb lengthwise thereon, and we do not see any well taken objection to the reissue; but the device seems of little importance in this case, as none of these defendants use it or its equivalent. We only refer to it as showing another step toward the perfected wire as now used.

The next patent to be considered in the order of time is that issued to Michael Kelly, Feb. 11, 1868. This patent was for thorns or barbs, fixed rigidly to the wires, so that they could neither slide lengthwise nor revolve upon the wires. Two modes of accomplishing this result are shown—one of stringing them upon the wires, by holes through the center, and then compressing them upon the wire by blows or pressure, and the other by "laying another wire of the same or different size alongside the thorn wire and twisting the two together;" but no claim was made for the latter mode in the original patent. By the reissue this feature is made the fourth claim, and it seems to me, properly allowed under the law, as it was clearly described and suggested in the original specifications.

The second Kelly patent is for a flat wire pierced with holes, through which spurs made of pieces of wire with the ends cut diagonally, so as to leave them pointed without further manipulation, were thrust, and by compressing the wire so as to clamp the barb thus inserted in each hole. The only feature of this patent which it is claimed affects this case is that it shows, for the first time, a wire barb made sharp or pointed at both ends by being cut off diagonally; but barbs had been before this time made sharp by cutting the sheet metal diagonally, and it was certainly no invention for Kelly to point wire by cutting it diagonally after it had become a frequent practice to cut sheet metal in the same way for that purpose.

The Glidden patent of May 12, 1874, showed a device for keeping the wires of a fence stretched or spread apart by means of a slotted tube. It also showed, as part of the mechanism, a barb made by coiling a short piece of wire between its ends around the fence wire. This feature was not claimed in the original patent, but is claimed in the reissue as part of the invention, and as it is shown in the original specifications and drawings, the patent may be considered as having been properly reissued to cover this device. The second Glidden patent of November 24, 1874, is for a "twisted fence wire, having the transverse spur wire bent at its middle portion about one of the wire strands of said fence-wire, and clamped in its position and place by the other wire strand twisted upon its fellow, substantially as specified." The proof shows that the final form of fence-wire and spur which has been adopted for practical use is substantially that shown in the last Glidden patent; but it seems to us there was nothing left in the line of invention to justify the issue of this patent to Glidden as an inventor. The idea of barbing fence-wire was Hunt's. The idea of fixing the barb rigidly upon the wire and holding it in place by another wire twisted upon it was Kelly's. The wire barb looped over the wire, or one of the wires, was that of Glidden's earlier patent; and by grouping all these devices into one finished wire, a result is obtained substantially like that shown in the final Glidden patent of November, 1874. There was nothing new in Glidden's last patent, and no room for the claim of invention in the wire therein provided.

In the suits brought by the Washburn & Moen Mfg. Co. and Isaac L. Ellwood against Haish, the defendant is charged with infringement of the Hunt patent, the Smith patent, and the two Glidden patents. As already said, we consider the Smith patent and the last Glidden patent as unworthy of further consideration in connection with this case.

The proof shows that the defendant, Haish, manufactured a twisted fence wire, armed with a wire barb, cut diagonally, so as to leave the points sharp, and which is bent in the form of an "S" so as to clasp both wires and extend the sharp points in opposite directions from the wire.

Defendant claims that even if the Hunt, Kelly and Glidden patents are valid, he does not infringe, because his barb differs essentially from the barb of either of the complainant's patents mainly in the fact that it cannot be used except in combination with a wire of at least two strands. Assuming the validity of the reissue of Hunt, Kelly and Glidden, there can be no doubt that Haish infringes Hunt's claim for "a fence wire, provided with spurs" or barbs. It also infringes Kelly's idea of a rigid or fixed barb, held in place by the twisting of two wires together; and Glidden's barb, made by bending a short piece of wire around the fence wire so as to leave the two sharp ends projecting to form the spurs or barbs.

Glidden's device for forming the barb is undoubtedly a very simple one, and rests very close to the border line between mechanical skill and invention. After Hunt had made barbs by cutting sheet metal into stars, or spur-pointed wheels, to be strung upon the wire by a hole through the middle, the points of the spurs being necessarily obtained by cutting the metal diagonally at the periphery of his wheel; and after Kelly had shown his two-pointed barb strung upon the wire by means of a hole through the middle and held in place by another wire twisted upon the thorn-wire, it would seem to require but little invention to form the barb by bending a short piece of wire, pointed at both ends, around the fence-wire, thereby forming a loop in place of the hole through the barb shown by Kelly. The loop is, when made, only the hole which Kelly punched through his barb; and yet there can be no doubt that the wire barb shown by Glidden is much more readily made and attached to the fence-wire than the Kelly barb, which must be first strung upon the wire by passing the end of the wire



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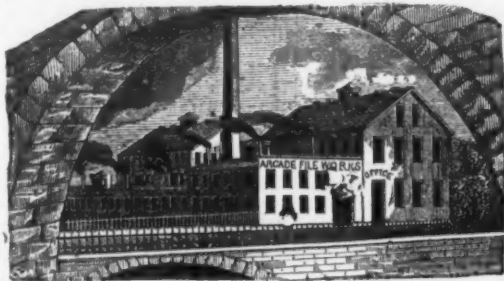
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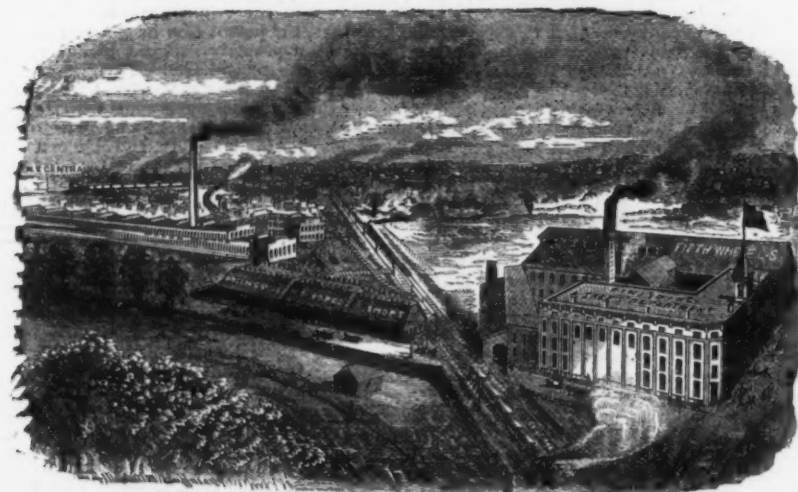
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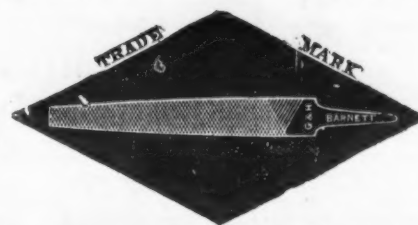
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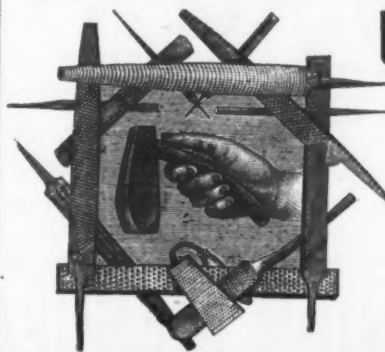
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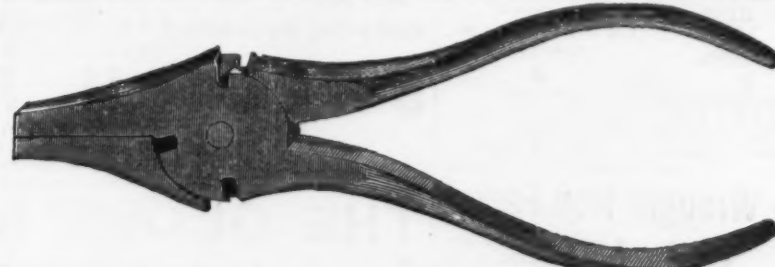
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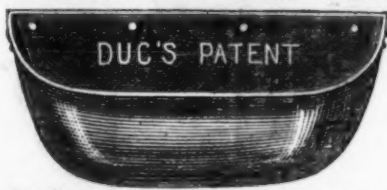
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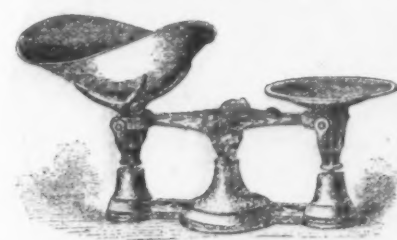
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This discussion leads us to consider for a moment the various forms of barbs cut from thin or sheet metal. It is manifest that there is, and can be, no essential difference between making the barb from strips of thin or sheet metal cut diagonally so as to leave both ends pointed, and wrapping or bending that around the fence-wire, and making a similar barb from round wire, as shown by Glidden; nor does the fact that sheet metal barbs are cut so as to present more than two points when wound around the fence-wire, or interlaced between the strands, make them any less an infringement of Glidden's device, or relieve them of liability to Hunt.

We, therefore, come to the conclusion that complainants have the right to the relief asked by their bills; the principles we have laid down, in our estimation, fully covering the controverted questions in all the cases before us. Decrees may be prepared finding that defendants infringe, and referring the cases to the master to take account of damages and profits.

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2. Carpenters' and cabinet makers' tools.
3. Wood screws.

The first included a great variety of door locks, latches, padlocks, handles, bolts, hinges, pulleys, sheaves, fire irons and fire-place fittings, besides artistic fittings in bronze, nickel, gold and enamel for doors, windows and fire-place decoration. Under the second head may be mentioned chisels, gouges, screw-drivers, braces, wrenches and general tools; and under the third, flat and round-head screws of all sizes, both of brass and iron, bright and blued. Of these objects, some were entered in Classes 11, 25, 43, 59 and 66, but were chiefly judged by the jury of Class 43 and the jury of Class 66.

The claims of the firm as presented to Class 43, in response to the official inquiries, are as follows. In respect of peculiarities:

1. The novelty and practical simplicity of the improved and patented mechanisms.
2. The interchangeability of the machine-made parts or members and the precision and uniformity with which they are fitted and finished.
3. The manner in which the parts are proportioned to the strains brought to bear upon them, for the purpose of obtaining the greatest amount of strength and durability with the least expenditure of labor and material.

The particular merits claimed were: 1. The comprehensiveness of the display, embracing as it did 4000 distinct representative specimens of all classes and grades, from ordinary goods of cast iron to the finest descriptions of artistic bronze fittings, finished in gold, nickel and enamel.

2. For door, cabinet and padlocks, the combination, in the highest degree of simplicity and durability, of mechanism with scientific distribution of materials and of the labor upon them; also the lightness, strength and convenience, with grace and beauty of form, of their steel keys.

3. The practical utility of their pull-out reverse latches, "which possess the only mechanism that satisfactorily accomplishes

this object without seriously impairing the strength and durability of the movement."

4. For the patent anti-friction latch, novelty and the effective manner in which it serves to lessen the friction of latch bolts and increase the durability and usefulness of the mechanism.

5. For wood screws, their improved form, sharpness of thread, smooth finish and uniform quality.

6. For builders' tools, superior quality of metal, smoothness and precision of finish and improved forms and proportions, better adapting them to the uses for which they are intended.

Some of the products were repeatedly and closely examined with great interest by the members of the jury of Class 43, familiar with hardware of European manufacture. Surprise was expressed at the accuracy of the mechanism, and, in general, at the low prices.

The enameled and gilt goods are obviously exceptional and of high cost. They are objects of luxury, and are suited only to the finest and most elaborately finished doors of hard wood. The enamel is of the *champleve* variety, and is highly satisfactory as to quality. The composition is evidently good, and the colors are pleasing. The result shows a power over the details of this art which should give success if it were applied to the manufacture of objects of a purely decorative nature.

The castings in bronze deserve a special mention as choice examples of sharp casting with a perfectly smooth and finished surface, so smooth that it would at first seem that the metal had been worked over and engraved after being removed from the mold. The fine details of the engraved design are brought out satisfactorily, and do not require any finishing operation. Such castings are appropriate for door butts, knobs, escutcheons and finger plates for doors. They are used in plain uncolored bronze, or they are nicked or gilded according to the fancy of the purchaser.

The jury upon bronzes, art castings and *reposee* work, Class 25, made special note of these bronze castings, and, in addition to the gold medals given by other classes, awarded a bronze medal in recognition of their excellence.

### RUSSELL'S REVERSIBLE LATCHES.

A few of the more important novelties shown by the firm in the way of locks and tools will be briefly noticed.

Reversible latches, as is well known, are so made that they may be adapted to either right or left hand doors by simply pulling out and turning the latch or bolt before or after the lock is fixed in its place upon the door. Some of the objections which have been made to these latches are that their delicately formed parts and springs rendered them liable to break and to get out of repair, or that the bolts could be reversed at pleasure, after mounting, by mischievous children or malicious persons to the injury of the door and lock. These difficulties the firm claim to have overcome by Russell's patented improvements.

To illustrate this, the firm exhibited a 6-inch mortise lock, with the cap plate removed so as to expose the working parts. The latch bolt has a head-bolt of the ordinary form, but the shank is round and has a shoulder and button at its small end, which serve to connect it with the yoke in such a way that the movement of the latch longitudinally is controlled by the yoke, but after the head of the bolt has been drawn forward beyond the face plate of the lock it can, by reason of its swivel connection with the yoke, be freely turned to the right or left. A spiral spring restores the latch to its proper position after it has been reversed or operated on by the knob.

With the ordinary construction of follower it would of course be impossible to draw the latch bolt forward, but it is seen by an inspection of the lock that this follower consists of three parts—the two parts are hubs provided with ears which dovetail into each other, so as to form of the two a compound hub, having a slot in the center through which the T, before the knob spindle has been inserted, is free to slide sufficiently to allow the latch bolt to be drawn forward and reversed; but after the spindle has been fixed in its position this T can no longer be moved, and the three parts are united to form a solid hub, which operates through the yoke upon the bolt in the usual way, and of course prevents the reversal of the latch.

Instead of the spiral spring a heavy flat steel or brass spring can be used with equal facility.

The T is the part of the mechanism upon which most of the wear and strain fall, and is made of wrought iron or steel. The pieces called hubs are made of cast iron or gun metal.

From the description it will be seen that this invention provides, at very moderate cost, a mechanism which is fully as strong as the old form of latch, and not likely to become deranged easily, and which, before it has been placed upon the door, can be reversed at will by simply pulling out the head of the bolt and turning it half-way round; but once fixed in position upon the door it becomes impossible to reverse and it operates as an ordinary latch.

### ANTI-FRICTION LATCH.

In closing a door, unless the latch bolt is in the very best condition as respects lubrication, and in the position of its sloping surface upon the "striker" or plate of the jamb, there is a great amount of friction, and after a serious shock and jar, causing the flat side of the latch to bear directly against the lock case, thus producing a great amount of friction, so that frequently the bolt binds and refuses to move unless violence and slamming is resorted to. To obviate this difficulty Messrs. Russell & Erwin have invented and patented a supplemental bolt, placed just below the ordinary latch bolt and connected with it, so as to control its motion. It is a strong and effective arrangement for reducing to a minimum the friction of latch bolts and giving them a smooth, uniform and easy action.

The improvement, by an exceedingly simple, strong and durable mechanism, causes the striking plate to act directly and without loss of power to force back the bolt, which, in its motion, is entirely withdrawn from contact with the lock case, so that the



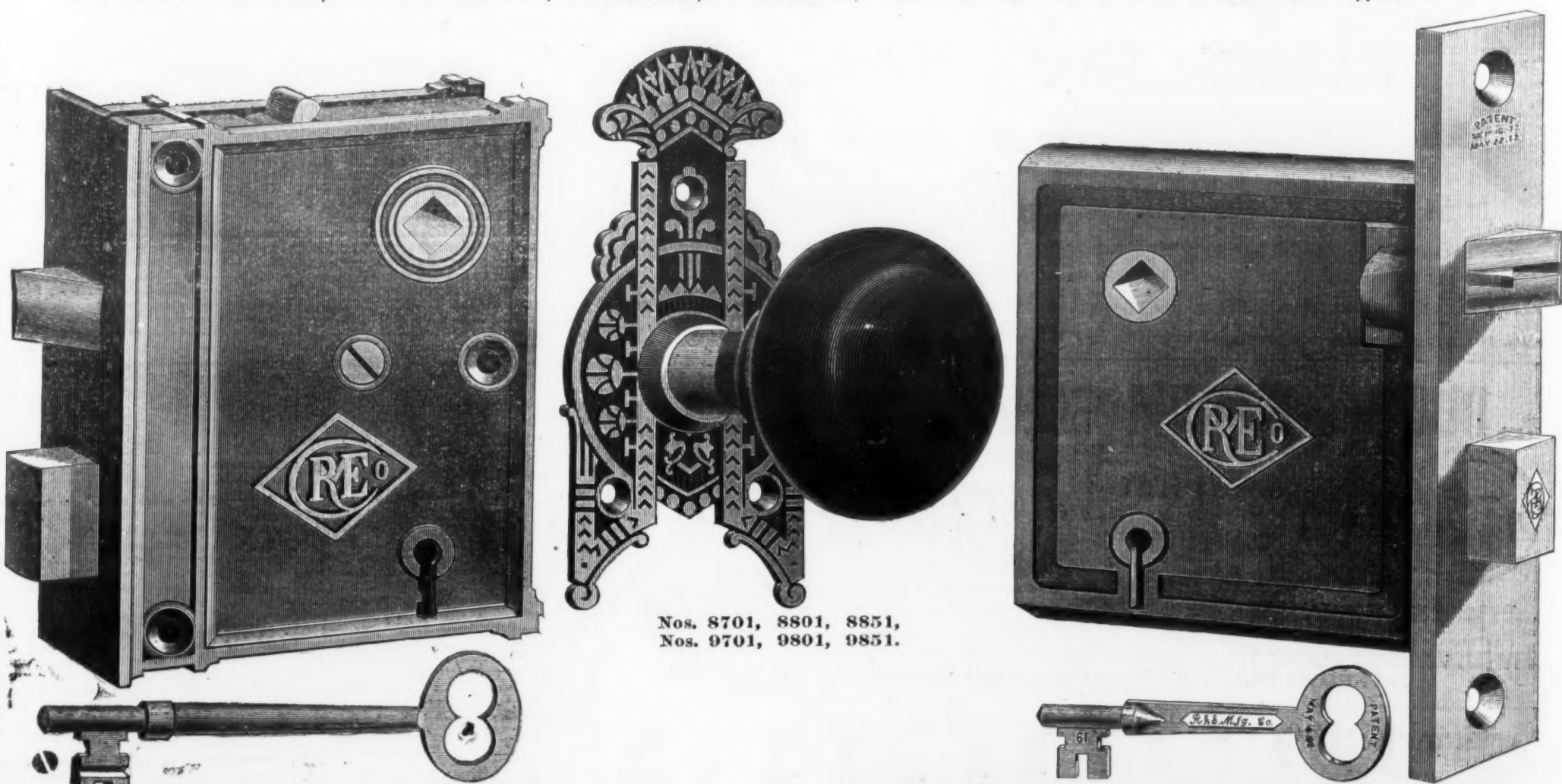
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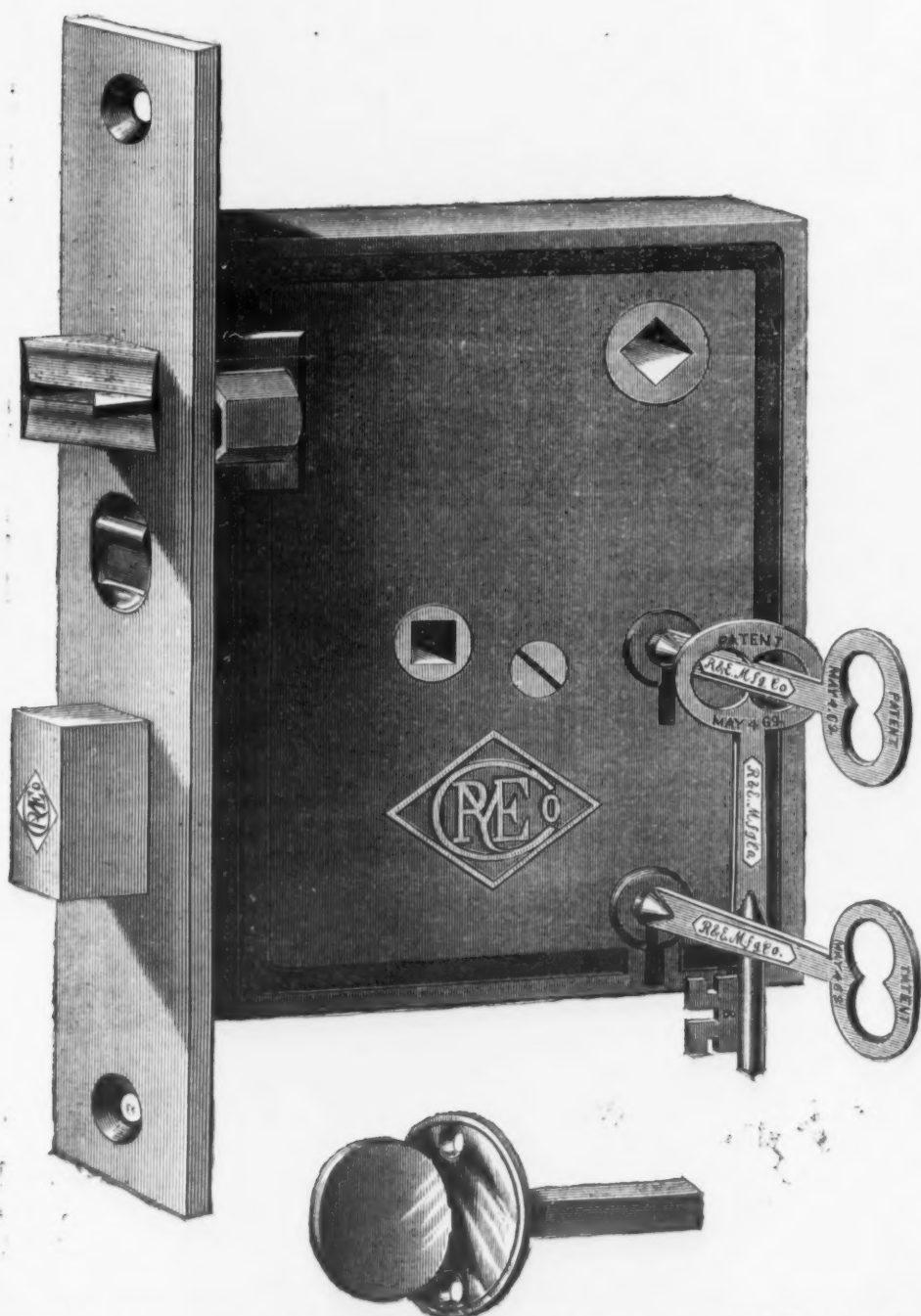
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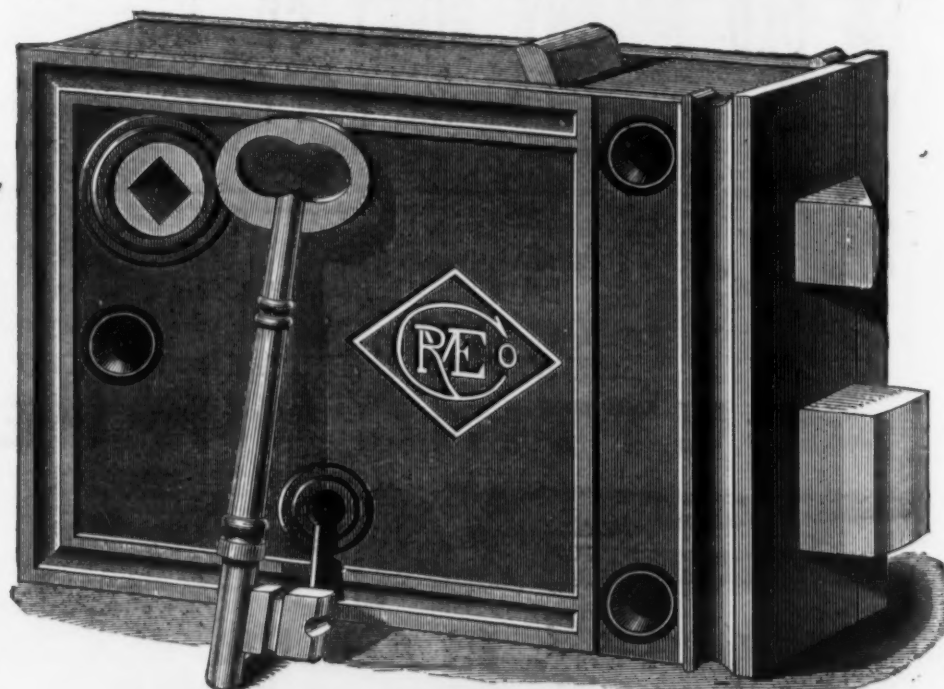


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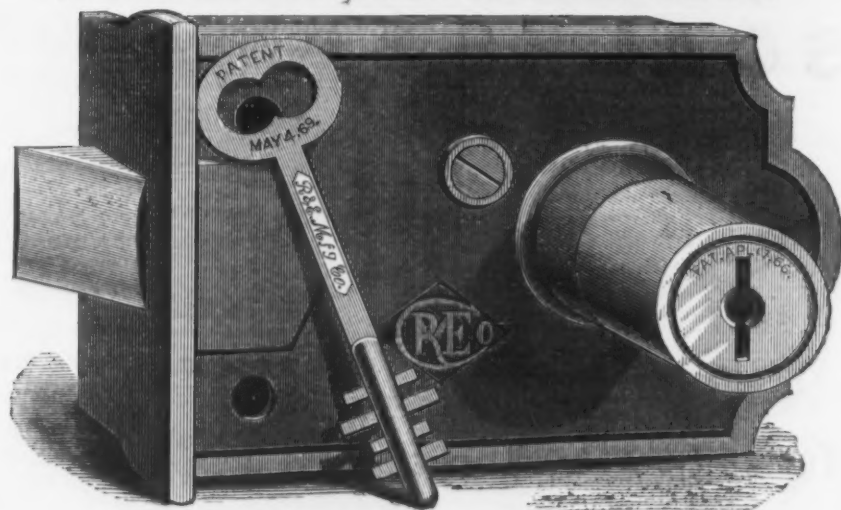
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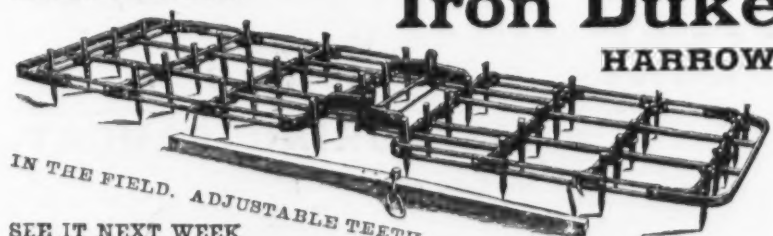
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This mechanism transforms the rubbing into rolling friction upon the nose of the bolt, prevents the extreme pressure upon its face, increases the durability of the lock, and is of especial value for glass or heavy doors.

This improvement was shown not only in detached locks and latches, but by mounted upon doors so that their action could be witnessed and tested.

## STEEL KEYS.

Two important qualities of keys are strength and lightness, a combination which can best be secured by making them of steel. A full assortment of such keys was exhibited, and some of them for doors and padlocks were illustrated in full size engravings in the circulars issued by the company.

The peculiar feature common to them all is that the bow, stem and bit of the key are made in one piece, from spring steel. Owing to their form and method of construction they are produced entirely by machinery at a very moderate cost. The advantages of these keys are: they are nicked to prevent rusting, they possess light, convenient and graceful forms, and combine the highest amount of strength and durability with a minimum expenditure of labor and material.

## ANTI-FRICTION PULLEYS.

With the increasing use of heavy plate glass windows and large window sash, a pulley with a strong and well-made axle becomes a necessity. The ordinary sham axle or steel pin pulley may answer very well for light sash which are not often raised, but even with light sash, if much used, there is a disagreeable amount of friction and wear. One of the principal defects, also, in the ordinary form of door and window pulleys is that, after they have been fixed in position, the axis of the pulley is not accessible either for cleaning or oiling, and the result is that the gradual gumming of the oil and the accumulation of dust and grit upon the axis, cause it not only to grind out the bearings, but to work with a great deal of noise and friction. These difficulties some inventors have attempted to overcome by providing various forms of oil passages with reservoirs leading from the face of the pulley to its axis, but these have proved only a partial success, from the fact that they greatly disfigure the face of the pulley, do not effectually prevent gumming or grinding, and require frequent cleaning. The peculiar feature of the invention shown in the exhibition, is that the wheel or sheave is mounted upon a series of small anti-friction rollers, made of steel, and fitted so as to run freely around a fixed central pin or axis. These anti-friction rollers are quite free at their ends, and, therefore, there is no friction at these points, as is the case where such rollers are supported in revolving rings. It is obvious from the construction that there can be no sliding friction, and the inconvenience and unpleasantness arising from the use of oil is overcome. As there is none but rolling friction, the accumulation of dust makes but little difference in the operation of the mechanism, for the steel pins roll about in it as readily as wheels upon a carriage road. The inventor does not claim that this system of anti friction rollers is new, but that the simplified construction and improved system of manufacture enable him to produce a greatly improved pulley, without the objectionable feature of grinding, and vastly more durable than the old form. It can be produced by machinery at a cost permitting it to be sold for about the same price as a first-class pulley of the ordinary style.

## UNIVERSAL HOLLOW AUGER.

The hollow auger exhibited by the firm in the collection of carpenter's tools of their manufacture, is similar in principle to a scroll chuck, and is intended for use either in a bit stock or a lathe. It differs from a chuck, however, in this, that two of the jaws are replaced by cutters and are provided with a clamp for holding them, while the other two jaws serve as guides. The four pieces are moved simultaneously from or toward the center, by means of a scroll thread, which is furnished with a chuck nut that prevents the slipping of the jaws after they have been adjusted for any particular sized tenon. For use as a universal chuck, it is not necessary to remove or in any way derange the cutters, as they are clamped so that the points are a little behind the holding face of the jaws, and cannot touch work that can be fixed in them.

It replaces the whole series of the old form of hollow augers, and from its facility of adjustment and the readiness with which the cutters can be removed for sharpening, it is more efficient as a cutting tool, while at the same time, and without any change, it answers all the requirements of a universal chuck.

This exhibit was the first appearance of this firm at one of the great international exhibitions. In the most important matter of the installation and arrangement it was a model worthy of imitation. A case, rectangular in plan, 25 feet by 12 feet upon the floor, presented two broad sides. The ends were recessed, so as to form at one end an alcove somewhat secluded from the crowds of visitors, and at the other a small but convenient office where special explanations and exhibitions of the goods could be given to those specially interested. The doors also to this office were fitted with the butts,

locks, bolts and bronze trimmings made by the firm. A line of narrow table cases, with inclined glass tops, projected some 16 inches beyond the upright cases, and gave room for the display of the goods in the packages as put up for trade. The monogram of the firm was neatly executed upon a velvet background in the central division of one of the vertical cases, by means of the wood screws of brass and iron, arranged so as to form the letters. The number and brilliance of the bronze, nicked, brass and plated screws gave this monogram the appearance, at a little distance, of rich gold and silver embroidery. The personal attention and supervision of Mr. H. E. Russell, Jr., the secretary of the company, was given to the preparation and installation of this exhibit. On Mr. Russell's return to Connecticut the company was represented by an agent—William R. Comings—who was constantly in attendance to answer questions and give information.

The business of the Russell & Erwin Company was commenced in the year 1839. Now from 650 to 1000 hands are employed. Steam engines, with an aggregate of 450 horse-power, move the machinery. The factories have seven acres in area of floor space. The buildings are of brick. They are substantially built, are well ventilated, heated by steam, lighted by gas, and protected from fire by the best system of extinguishers and fire escapes.

The jury of Class 43 awarded a gold medal for the locks and hardware, including wood screws. The jury of Class 66 awarded a gold medal for the builders' hardware. The jury of Class 25 gave a bronze medal for the beauty and perfection of the bronze castings.

## INDUSTRIAL ITEMS.

## MASSACHUSETTS.

Since the introduction into New England of the "Buffalo Scales," by Messrs. Hoitt, Rugg & Co., of 53 Oliver street, they have been steadily growing in popular favor, and there is now a large and increasing demand for them. The house make a specialty of platform and counter scales, but they do a considerable business in large scales of different kinds. Although Messrs. Hoitt, Rugg & Co., are a comparatively new firm, the junior partner, Mr. Rugg, has had an experience of 10 years in the Fairbanks Scale Company's Boston house. The "Buffalo Scales" contain all the improvements which make the modern article valuable, and the general satisfaction which has followed their use seems to be a sufficient guarantee for their excellence.—Boston Commercial Bulletin.

The Seymour Cutlery Company, of Holyoke, is devoting considerable attention to sheep shears.

The American Bolt Company, of Lowell, with James Minter as president, and a capital of \$200,000, has been chartered under the general law.

South Abington shipped away 846 boxes, 31 kegs and 5 cases of tacks, nails, shanks and eyelets last week.

## RHODE ISLAND.

One of the busiest jewelry establishments in Providence is that of Hamilton & Hunt. This house makes a specialty of manufacturing fine rolled plated chains, of which they make 748 patterns, patent buckle bracelets and lockets. Established in 1870, their business has grown to such an extent that they now require the help of 120 workmen, and have been compelled to erect a new factory (now in process of construction) 25 x 55 feet, two floors, the whole of brick, which they expect to occupy early in January. The united capacity of the two factories will be equal to the production of \$300,000 worth of goods per year, which are sold in all parts of the world. The factories are supplied with all modern conveniences and the best of jewelry machinery.—Boston Commercial Bulletin.

## CONNECTICUT.

The Birmingham Iron and Steel Works have passed into the possession of the Peck, Stowe & Wilcox Co., of Southington.

## NEW YORK.

Filley's foundry has shut down for the present. Bussey, McLeod & Co.'s foundry will close for inventory this week. The Co-operative Foundry will stop work this week for inventory and repairs. Pramer's foundry has closed for the purpose of allowing an inventory to be taken.—Troy Standard.

A new boiler and locomotive shop is to be started at Schenectady which will give employment to 1000 men.

Mr. J. G. Bell, No. 52 John street, New York, is making arrangements to represent a limited number of leading American manufacturers at the Industrial Exhibition at Matanzas, Cuba, to begin February 10, 1881. Mr. Bell is well acquainted with the Spanish language, has had a large experience in the export trade and has an extensive acquaintance among planters and merchants on the island. He is much interested in the Exhibition, and seems to be well qualified to give satisfaction as a representative of exhibiting manufacturers.

D. M. Osborne & Co., of Auburn, have contracted for 2,000,000 bricks for additions to their already extensive mow and resper factory. Their gray-iron foundry is melting over 30 tons of iron per day, to supply a molding floor 107x300 feet. New machinery is constantly being added in other departments.

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Owing to delay in delivery of the new engine, Clepp's new rolling mill, at Auburn, is not yet running. Its starting time is yet a matter of uncertainty.

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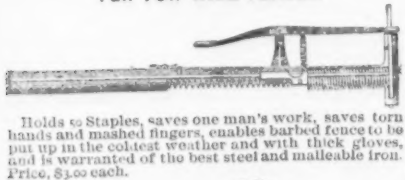
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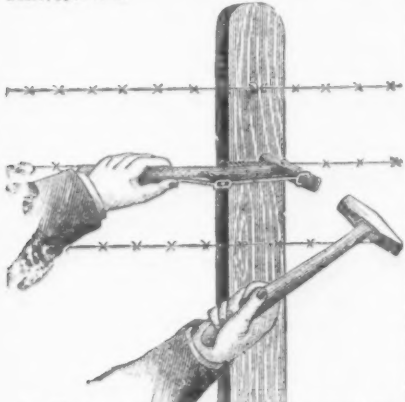
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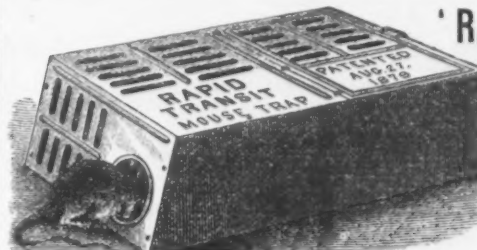
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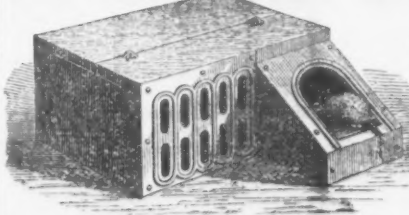
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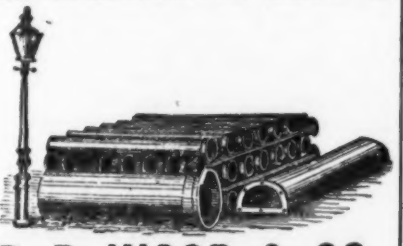


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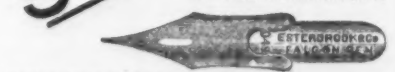
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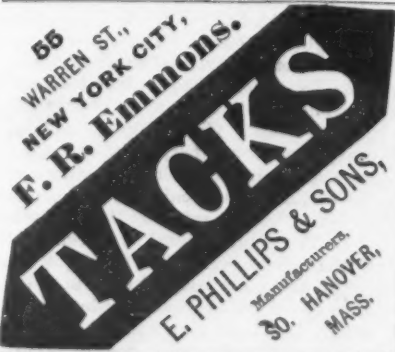
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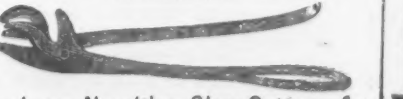


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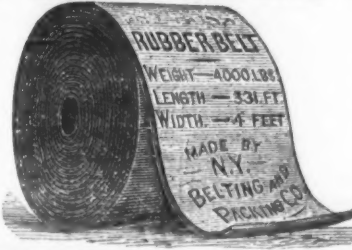
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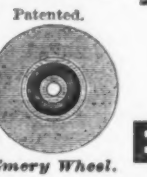


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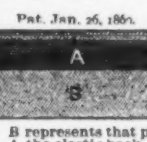
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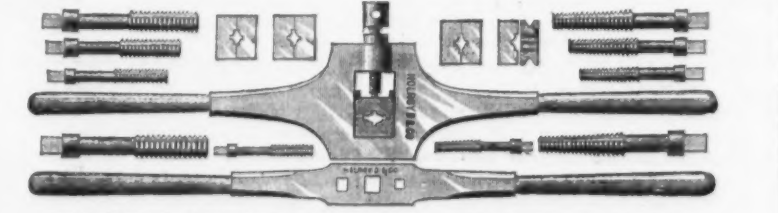
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## PENNSYLVANIA.

Both the Franklin and Chambersburg furnaces, of Messrs. Hunter and Springer, will go out of blast in about two months. The Chambersburg Furnace is also a cold-blast furnace, and has made at her best 11 tons in 24 hours.

The Schuylkill Canal is closed for the season. The total tonnage of anthracite coal from all the regions for the week ending December 18, as reported by the several carrying companies, amounted to 371,467 tons, against 510,845 tons in the corresponding week last year, a decrease of 139,378 tons. The total amount of anthracite mined for the year is 22,958,893 tons, against 25,812,568 tons for the same period last year, a decrease of 2,853,675 tons. The quantity of bituminous coal sent to market for the week amounted to 89,033 tons, against 54,255 tons in corresponding week last year, an increase of 34,778 tons.

The coal transportation for the week on the P. and R. is thus reported: Tons for the week, 100,493; corresponding week last year, 104,419; total tons for the fiscal year, 423,573; same time last year, 632,811 tons. Decrease this year of 209,237 tons.

Two hundred and fifty-eight tons of pig iron were manufactured at the Bechtelsville Furnace last week.

The project of establishing a manufactory of fire engines and apparatus in Reading is being discussed by A. F. Spaw, of New York, one of the largest dealers in such apparatus in the country, and a number of Reading gentlemen to whom he submitted his proposition. Mr. Spaw has a manufactory in Newark, N. J., and salesrooms in New York, and would continue the latter if he should establish the proposed works in Reading.—Reading Eagle.

The Connellsville Coke Company intend erecting 200 ovens in addition to those now in blast, building 35 blocks of houses and improving its shaft to a capacity of 1000 tons per day.

The Executive Committee of the Lehigh and Schuylkill Coal Exchanges met on the 30th ult. at the office of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company, in Philadelphia, and decided to recommend a continuance of the present prices during January.

Work was resumed this morning at the Pottstown Iron Works.

## VIRGINIA.

Graham & Robinson have a new charcoal furnace in blast in Wythe County. It is named the "boom." Crockett & Co., have also a new furnace in that County, which has just gone in blast.

White Rock Furnace (charcoal) in Virginia, will go into blast in 30 days.

## OHIO.

In the parlors of the second national bank, last Friday evening, a conference was held between representatives of the Alliance Cutlery Company and certain Akron capitalists, in which the matter of the removal of the cutlery works to this city was thoroughly discussed. In the event of their coming here, which now seems almost a certainty, Akron money will be invested in the business, which will probably be carried on in the Empire Works building on Broadway, when the latter is vacated by Mr. Seiberling.—Akron Sunday Gazette.

The La Belle Flint Glass Company, Bridgeport, are running to their full capacity and do not expect to shut down at all. After filling orders they will immediately commence making a complete stock of goods suitable for the spring trade.

The Cincinnati Rolling Mills have plenty of work for three months. The iron founders are all very busy, so much so that there seems to be room for at least one more first-class foundry, which is fully anticipated in the near future.

The works of the Akron Strawboard Company are running night and day to their utmost capacity. Improvements are being constantly made and new machinery added as occasion requires. At present two new steam boilers are being added to the works. The Cincinnati Malleable Iron Works are running to their full capacity, with largely increasing demands for their goods. Though this establishment is comparatively new, it has been very successful and anticipates a large increase of business the coming year.

The "boom" has struck the Akron Stone-ware Company in a manner that gives no uncertain sound, and the business of the company is growing rapidly. The capacity of their shops has been found wholly insufficient to meet the growing demands, and additional buildings are in progress. A new down-draft kiln has just been completed; it is 19 feet in diameter and is one of the largest in the ward. A large frame extension 18 x 48 feet has been added to the west end of the main shop, which will give much-needed room to the manufacturing department. In addition to this a frame warehouse, 100 x 34 feet, is nearly completed. In the spring a switch will be built connecting the shops with the Valley Railroad.—Akron Daily Beacon.

The Youngstown Measuring Pump Company, of Youngstown, have leased the Snyder Carriage Works buildings for a term of years, and have begun putting in machinery and fitting up the buildings for their new use. The works are about starting up in a few days, with a force of from six to ten men, which will be rapidly increased.—Boston Commercial Bulletin.

The Union Foundry Company, of Cleveland, expect to add sidewalk lights to their list of manufactures in the spring.

The Benwood Furnace at Martin's Ferry is on full, but running light, and may have to stop on short notice on account of scarcity of stock—coke and ore.

Mr. Frank J. Korte, senior member of the firm of Duvall & Co., of Janesville, has been presented with a gold watch by the workmen in his employ. Another new manufacturing establishment opened its office on the 1st day of this month, at Cincinnati, for the purpose of manufacturing a very superior quality of corrugated sheet iron for roofing, sidings, shutters, &c. They will also make curved sheets for ceilings. The parties representing this establishment are Mr. John F. Hazen, well known in Cincinnati as one of

its leading iron merchants, and Mr. William Clark, of Pittsburgh, whose experience in the manufacture of sheet irons is well known and appreciated. The machinery being constructed for these works is first-class, combining all late improvements, and will be in full operation on or before the 1st of February. The works are situated at 179 West Second street; office, southwest corner Fourth and Main streets.

The Hughes Cultivator Company, at Hamilton, are manufacturing a new and very valuable hardware specialty in the way of a steel hoe. This hoe is entirely different from any article of its class that has ever before been introduced. It is made of best quality spring steel, and is a novelty, both in its construction and the manner in which it is used. The blade being made of thin spring steel, about 2 to 3 inches in width, shaped like a hook, with the end rounded and both sides ground to a fine edge, it can be used to dig up and pulverize the dirt, or, by turning it on either side, it can be used for shaving off the grass and weeds. The blade is attached to a handle of any convenient length or size. It is very light and strong, and can be used in the place of heavier hoes for digging and pulverizing. The works of the above named company are quite busy preparing for anticipated heavy sales in the coming season.

The New York and Ohio Iron and Steel Company is represented by a new firm at Cincinnati, composed of Mr. W. H. Carruthers, late of the firm of Mitchell, Tranter & Co., and Mr. J. C. Bramwell, late of Plumer & Bramwell, iron merchants and manufacturers of Cincinnati. These gentlemen have had large experience in the iron business in the West. They have their office and sample rooms at the northwest corner of Second and Vine streets.

## ILLINOIS.

The Vulcan Iron Works are constructing an upright engine for the Peshtigo Lumber Company for their new steam barge, the cylinder of which is 32 inch bore by 32-inch stroke. They are also building an upright engine, 22 x 22, for the same company, to be used in one of their mills. For O. E. Green, the Vulcan Iron Works are constructing a pair of engines to be used on the dredges, and a pile driver, engine and boiler for the Chicago Dredging and Dock Company. They report business active, and are employing more men than at any previous time.—Chicago Industrial World.

The Excelsior Iron Works, of Chicago, have just received an order from the Joliet Steel Company, for two tubular boilers, 5 feet in diameter and 16 feet long, to be made of Otis steel. We understand that the Joliet Steel Company are contemplating the erection of three new Whitwell stoves, to run their blast furnaces.

The Pullman Car Works, at Pullman, have six boilers now ready for operation.

The employees in the nail department of Jos. H. Brown & Co.'s mills, at Irondale, have been having a vacation of a few days on account of not having a sufficient supply of plate iron. This lack of plate iron is owing to the fact that the puddlers are on a strike, not for an increase of their wages, but for iron of a softer quality, as they are not able to make as many heats as desired, the material which they have been using being too hard. It is expected they will resume on next Monday.—Chicago Industrial World.

Grand Tower Furnace is doing very well, making 70 tons Bessemer daily.

## KENTUCKY.

The Louisville Steam Forge Company, recently incorporated by Joshua F. Speed, Norvin Green, and others, have purchased land in Louisville, and are pushing work vigorously on the erection of their new buildings. They intend to prepare for the manufacture of all descriptions of large forgings, but will make a specialty of railroad car axles.

Having completed her repairs, the Ashland Furnace resumed blowing Tuesday morning and is doing well.—Ashland Independent.

At the Norton Iron Works the forge department received a new roll Sunday, the 25th, and started Monday morning, after a stoppage of two weeks. The nail factory shut down Friday, expecting to resume Monday, but, owing to the turning of the nail plate rolls, was not able to do so, and had to remain idle until yesterday morning, when it was expected that it would start up again.

## MICHIGAN.

Smith & Brainard, of Flint, claim to be the largest manufacturers of charcoal in Michigan. They are working five sets of kilns, all of the round-brick pattern, and each holding 50 cords of wood and producing 2000 bushels to the kiln at every firing. They have 10 kilns at Clio, 10 at Flint, 8 at Gales, 10 at Durand Furnace and 10 at Lansing. They annually consume 40,000 cords of wood and make 1,600,000 bushels of charcoal annually. They employ 50 men in coaling and a large force in cutting and hauling. They have contracts to supply the Peninsula Iron Co., of Detroit, and Lake Superior Iron Co., of Detroit. They make coal from beach, maple, elm, ash and oak, which, mixed, gives good satisfaction in iron making.

## CANADA.

Henry W. Warren, manufacturer of hammers, Bridgewater, Ontario, has secured new and more commodious quarters, with unlimited water-power, on the Lachine Canal, Montreal, to which point he is now moving his plant. His correspondence should hereafter be addressed to Cote St. Paul, Montreal.

Early in December, the Washburn & Moen Mfg. Co. notified the men employed in the heating department of the Quinsigamont Mill, Worcester, that they would reduce the wages for heating scrap from \$4 to \$2.50 per ton, but on representations on their part changed the figure to \$3.25, to go into effect on the 21st of December. The men struck, and now offer a compromise to the effect that scrap heating be made \$3.60, but that, on the other hand, the pine working charcoal pig in fires be increased from \$7—the amount hitherto paid—to \$7.40 per ton. There are 26 fires in all, each requiring four men, so that about 100 men have struck.



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## The Demand for Rails and the Supply.

A year has now passed since the country, and especially the iron trade, were wild with the excitement caused by the general belief that we were then approaching a period of unrivaled activity in finance, commerce and industry. While in general the year has been one of almost universal prosperity, the predictions of the most enthusiastic have not been verified. The course of events in the iron trade is too fresh in the memory of all concerned to need recapitulation here, but it will be of interest to review the progress made in the extension and renewal of our railway system, chiefly as affecting the rail trade. A year ago, when current and frequently accepted estimates of the additions to railway mileage during the year 1880 went as high as 12,000 miles, we accepted 7000 miles as the most reasonable figure, and based upon it some calculations as to the probable demand for iron and steel rails, chiefly with a view to ascertaining whether and to what extent it would be necessary to draw upon foreign countries for additional supplies. In view of the uncertainty of estimates of this kind, notably of the increase of mileage and the extent of renewals required, the figures then presented are well borne out by the facts as now ascertained. They prove that, broadly, the principles upon which they were based may be relied upon as correct and encourage a similar attempt for the coming year.

The *Railroad Gazette*, in a recent issue, chronicles the construction of 6139 miles of railroad during the year 1880, and adds that when all the information has been collected it will be probably found that something like 7000 miles of railroad have been completed during the year. The year has been one of great and sustained activity, the earnings of almost all our lines of traffic, great or small, having increased over 1879 by at least an average of 20 per cent., while their operating expenses have quite generally undergone some reduction, and, in many cases, have been decreased considerably. A feature which is highly encouraging to the realization of a steady progress is the fact, repeatedly alluded to during the course of the year, that the great majority of new enterprises have been in the nature of extensions of existing roads. There has been an absence of that speculative mania of railroad building which has characterized earlier periods of rapid extension of our system. Although capital is readily obtained for bona fide investments of this class, there are no serious indications of a repetition of the errors of those times, and everything augurs well for a continuance of the present state of affairs, when prudence keeps enterprise within legitimate bounds. While it is impossible to forecast the disturbing effects of a possible failure of one or more of the crops of our staples, or of other national disasters, it will not appear sanguine to expect that the record of the coming year will equal, and probably somewhat exceed, that of the one just passed. The work of extending our railways has not shown any abatement during the last few months beyond that referable to the season, and many indications justify the assumption that it will continue at least during the coming year. The growing prosperity of this country, which is in such contrast to the condition of almost all European nations, has already, and will in the near future, attract a large number of emigrants, inducing the opening of new territory hitherto uncultivated. In view of these and many other indications, it seems safe to assume that in the year just opened we will witness a further extension of our railways of at least 7000 to 7500 miles.

As a basis for the estimation of the minimum demand for rails for 1881, we possess a series of valuable figures compiled by Mr. James M. Swank, on the one hand, and by Mr. Henry V. Poor on the other. The former gives us accurate data for the production of steel and iron rails and the amounts imported, together representing fairly the consumption of each year. Mr. Poor publishes annually statistics of the railroad mileage, while the *Railroad Gazette* makes weekly returns of current construction. Both, however, do not include in their figures the additional mileage of sidings, double track and track in yards, &c. From present statistics these add as much as 24 per cent. to the length of road on an average in the United States, and therefore at least 20 per cent. must be added to the number of miles of new road to get at the actual miles of track laid during the year. As the rails used for one mile of standard track weigh 98½ tons per mile for 56-pound sections, 100 short tons per mile are generally accepted as a safe average amount. We are thus in a position to compute pretty closely the quantity of rails required for a given number of miles of new track. On the other hand, we have accurate figures of the production and importations of all but the last year, for which Mr. Swank has just published a preliminary estimate, which we know from former years to be very near the actual figures. While thus we possess the means of estimating the requirements of new roads quite closely, provided the assumption of the mileage to be built is near the truth, there is another element which can only be arrived at indirectly. We refer to the renewals of old worn-out rails. This is naturally influenced by a variety of causes which it is difficult to trace. While there are nearly 3,500,000 net tons of steel rails now in the tracks, taking

into account those already removed, there must be at least 5,500,000 tons of iron rails, of which many are deteriorated, and a large percentage of which must be exchanged for new material within a few years. Whether his exchange will take place rapidly or slowly depends largely upon the financial position of the roads, and the events of the last year have gone to show that it has assumed proportions of considerable magnitude. It has been proven also that for those renewals steel is taken to an extent which has prevented any material expansion of the manufacture of iron rails, and placed a pressure on that of steel which could be relieved only by drawing upon foreign sources more than it was expected. A year since we estimated the consumption for 1880 at 1,500,000 tons, and assuming that the inability to obtain sufficient quantities of steel rails at acceptable rates would induce smaller roads to buy iron rails, it seemed natural that larger quantities of the latter would be made, thus leaving only 100,000 tons of steel rails to be purchased abroad. This has not been verified, and, consequently, though our estimation of the total demand was correct, the share taken by foreign countries was undervalued, the actual importations approaching 275,000 tons. With the data at our disposal, we may, therefore, place the amounts required for renewals at figures approaching those found in former years, by deducting the quantities for "New Roads" from the total consumption indicated by Mr. Swank's figures:

### CONSUMPTION OF RAILS IN THE UNITED STATES.

Year.	New mileage.	Total consumption.	New roads.	Renewals.
1867.	3,449	627,157	893,500	331,357
1868.	3,795	726,795	357,500	419,295
1869.	4,615	9,67,749	351,800	355,949
1870.	6,070	1,619,153	746,700	270,453
1871.	7,568	2,141,434	951,000	397,434
1872.	9,720	2,530,850	715,000	815,850
1873.	10,609	1,148,849	508,600	640,249
1874.	13,305	817,734	286,100	539,595
1875.	17,258	810,770	219,700	591,070
1876.	21,657	879,016	339,100	547,916
1877.	21,777	764,744	272,100	492,644
1878.	21,747	882,695	341,400	539,295
1879.	27,781	1,137,400	366,500	390,900
1880.	7,000	1,475,000	840,000	635,000
1881*.	7,500	1,585,000	935,000	650,000

\* Estimated.  
From these figures it will be seen that from 1867 to 1879 the amounts of rails used for the construction of new lines have ranged between wide extremes, while the quantities used for renewals since 1875 are remarkably uniform. It is probable that a considerable proportion of the excess reported for 1872 was really still in makers' yards and importers' storehouses, and that it ought to be distributed over the succeeding years of adjustment between an excessive supply and a declining demand. The depression following that year is closely reflected in the figures for the years 1873 to 1878, from which it can be shown that the percentage of renewals fell so rapidly that it is impossible to account for it merely on the ground that the increased duration of steel rails brings about a decline of renewals. The financial position of many roads has been such as to prevent their expending more than was absolutely necessary on repairs and renewals, and therefore it appears to us fair to assume that at least 635,000 tons were used for that purpose during 1880, while everything points to an increase in 1881 which will carry the total to an increase of 650,000 tons.

With a probable extension of our railroad system by from 7000 to 7500, and possibly 8000, miles during the year 1881, and with current and accumulating repairs, it seems safe to predict a demand upon our rail mills of at least 1,550,000 to 1,600,000 tons. The question naturally arises how far our own mills can fill this demand, and to what extent their output must be supplemented by supplies from foreign countries. All the Bessemer steel works of this country, with their new additions, have a capacity of 1,750,000 tons of ingots, equal to a capacity of about 1,100,000 tons of rails, but it would not probably be safe to rate them higher than 1,000,000. Although they turned out 775,000 tons during 1880, the numerous recent additions which are only now coming into operation will, in all likelihood, carry them to that figure. Our iron rail mills turned out 425,000 tons in 1880, and, with a steady demand, would again reach that figure, thus accounting for a total of 1,425,000 tons of rails. This would leave 125,000 to 200,000 tons as a minimum deficiency, a part of which, it is well known, has already been purchased, partly in England and partly in Germany.

Our estimates—while they are only approximate—therefore, show that all our own mills are sure to be taxed to their full capacity during the year, if they succeed in preventing any excessive amount of foreign material from coming in. It will appear, however, from present indications that possibly as much as 200,000 tons may be sent to us.

The proprietors of industrial establishments and the managers of railway companies in England, do not seem to be inclined to assume the risks to which they are exposed under the provisions of the "Employers' Liability Act." The idea of the framers of the law which has now gone into effect, was to secure to the employees a compensation for injuries received in consequence of any defects in the condition of the machinery or plant, or in consequence of negligence on the part of superintendents, overseers or fellow workmen acting under instructions or regulations of the employers. The latter are now putting forward various schemes by which they are relieved from this risk, and some of the insurance companies

seem inclined to enter into arrangements with them. They have asked for statistics on the subject to guide them, and have, in some instances, obtained ample returns upon which they will probably base the schedule of amounts of premiums to be paid. Some of the larger concerns, notably the railway companies, as well as colliery proprietors and iron manufacturers, have resolved to make every endeavor to "contract themselves out of the act." The matter is rendered more complicated by the existence of many mutual accident funds to which, until now, employers and employees have each contributed their share. The employers refuse to continue these funds unless the workmen bind themselves not to take action under the Act, the payments to them being made contingent upon their agreeing not to prosecute. In some instances the employers have granted more liberal terms, and in others the workmen have signified their willingness to join in the scheme if somewhat larger payments were allowed in the case of death by injury. Another plan, which may be cited as an illustration of the strong opposition to the new law, has been spoken of. It is to give the workmen notice of a termination of their engagement and to re-employ them on the understanding that they give up any interest they might have in the act. This would be an extreme and an unwise course, and does not, from present prospects, seem likely to meet with much favor. On their part, the workmen appear to be willing, in very many cases, to make terms, nor do their demands seem unreasonable. In one instance even they have offered not alone to adhere to the mutual benefit fund association, but actually to defray the expenses of any litigation against their employers under the act. That the methods proposed of contracting to relieve the employers of liability are legal, is assured on the good authority of the Attorney-General himself, and therefore, probably, the new law will not have much more effect than to force employers to make provisions which might otherwise be neglected, and to compute the risk in the workman's remuneration in some way.

## Individual Liberty and Conspiracy.

Our editorial comments on the recent decision of Judge Macomber refusing to enjoin the striking molders of the Johnson Harvester Company from further interference with the operations of that company by enticing away workmen, &c., has called out some adverse criticism. The *Labor Tribune* quotes from our article and says:

It seems to us our contemporary does not take a broad view of the decision of Judge Macomber; on the contrary, its view is very narrow, inasmuch as for the convenience of making out a case, it indulges in gross exaggeration. We would remind it there has been no summary action on the part of workmen in rolling mills such as it cites in any district under the management of that grandest of trades unions, the Amalgamated Association, since that organization became perfected. It compels headstrong firms to come down half way from the top of the tree and meet where both parties may have clear vision, and this has been accomplished much to the satisfaction of sensible employers.

We are not disposed to enter upon a discussion of the question of where the responsibility of the "grandest of trades unions" begins or ends; but it is a fact well known to all who have taken the trouble to keep themselves informed of the happenings in the iron trade, that in several instances workmen in rolling mills have done just what we described—thrown down their tools at a critical moment and walked out of the mill, in accordance with a prearranged conspiracy, leaving the owners to protect themselves from serious loss in the best way they could. Instead of "gross exaggeration" we dealt simply with facts. The latest instance of this kind which came to our notice, happened at the Vulcan Steel Works, St. Louis, and was made the basis of a criminal prosecution directed against the conspirators. But we do not expect fairness or intelligence from the *Labor Tribune*, and should not refer to the subject again had it not been called up by the letter of a valued friend, a gentleman well informed on all subjects connected with the relations of labor and capital, who writes: "I thought 'when your article appeared that you could scarcely sustain the point you made. While, doubtless, such a course as you referred to in the article would constitute a legal conspiracy, I think our laws should be so altered that there shall be nothing criminal in a thing done by two or more men which would not be criminal if done by one man.'"

It seems to us that such an alteration of the law of conspiracy would be equivalent to its abrogation. There is a very important difference between the actions of one man or a hundred—or, to put it more in accordance with the views of our correspondent, between the action of one man and the action of two or more men acting in accordance with a prearranged plan. There can be no such thing as conspiracy until two or more men conspire to do something. Now, it is very probable that a conspiracy formed between two men or three, or a dozen, would be too insignificant to command any more attention, or lead to any more results, than would follow the doings of one man acting entirely within the law; but we see that there is an important difference when the conspiracy includes all the skilled workmen in a certain trade, and its object is to control the business policy of a corporation or to ruin it by preventing it

from securing and retaining workmen in place of those who have gone out on strike. A great many employers have been ruined by such conspiracies, and millions of dollars of invested capital have been rendered unproductive for long periods by conspiracies of workmen to prevent other workmen from filling vacant places. In the article under consideration we said:

Suppose, for example, that a legitimate trade union, exercising what Judge Macomber considers their constitutional right to entice free workmen away from their work, should be successful in their effort to the extent of ruining an employer's business. Clearly, this would be conspiracy, even though no force or intimidation was used to drive away the workmen employed. It seems to us that while the decision above quoted is all right from the workmen's standpoint, it does not take a broad view of the relations between manufacturers and labor unions. The workmen in the rolling mill who throw down their tools at a time agreed upon, leaving charges in the furnace and iron in the rolls, are, perhaps, free to quit when they like. They are under no contract, and all their doings may be orderly and peaceable; but their action is the result of conspiracy to force the manufacturer to concede their demands by inflicting upon him, or menacing him with, great and serious injury to his business interests. The question is a larger one than Judge Macomber seems to realize, and while his ruling may be warranted in its special application to the case presented to him, it invites criticism by discussing broad principles in what seems to us a very narrow way. Individual liberty of action does not always justify organized action which deprives others of clear and recognized rights.

We believe that the point here made—namely, that what is the right of the individual becomes a crime against the public interest when several or many individuals conspire to do, in a way which shall injure some one else, what each may do for reasons of his own if he sees fit—is well taken and entirely defensible. It is not our duty to review Judge Macomber's decision, which, as we said, may have been perfectly warranted by the evidence; but every one knows that the term "entice-ment," when used in connection with the efforts of a formidable union to draw away the men employed to fill the places of strikers, is very elastic. No heads may be broken, and no one may have been told that to resist the efforts to "entice" him would be perilous; but every one who has been a workman or an employer knows perfectly well that under such circumstances pleasant words often have a terrible significance. The man to whom they are addressed knows that to refuse to listen and yield will make him an outcast in his class; that he will be socially ostracized, and that even his life would not be safe were he to openly defy the power he would gladly disobey if he dared. We do not charge that the "grandest trades union," or any branch of it, would decree him bodily harm and depute assassins to waylay him; but men are bullied and maimed under such circumstances more frequently than is pleasant, and the man who resists "entice-ment," knows perfectly well that he must look out for himself from that time on. Dangerous men will call him their enemy, and will need no order or authorization from a union to treat him as they would a venomous reptile. They will even disobey the orders of their leaders, if an opportunity offers, to gratify their hatred of the "scab." These are unpleasant facts, but they cannot be questioned. The man who is asked up to a bar by a committee, treated to whatever he may want, offered a railroad ticket and told in a whisper that the union would consider it a great favor if he would leave town by the next train, is quite as likely to go as if a masked ruffian should bid him go with no other argument than that of a cocked pistol. Few workmen ever have the moral courage to resist the potent influence of a trade union, even when its wishes are conveyed in language to which no one could take exception if no more was meant than was said. An individual workman, representing no one but himself, who should do on his own responsibility what he sometimes does as a picket or committee man of a union, would receive scant courtesy from those he might approach with invitations to leave town; but his act would be proper beyond question. It is only when behind the individual stands the union, and he becomes the mouthpiece of a conspiracy, that he has the power to trample on the rights of others. The law is perfectly right in condemning that as wrong which is done by a conspiracy, while leaving the individual free to do as he pleases within proper limits. When employers form a conspiracy for any purpose, they are, as we have shown in these columns, acting outside the law, and can be enjoined on the plea of any one who may suffer by their united action. The argument used by workmen that, if the manufacturer has the right to discharge them in a body without notice, they have the right to leave in a body without notice, is no argument at all. The individual workman would not question the right of his employer to dismiss him at any time, and he suffers no greater injury when all are dismissed than when he alone is told to go to the office and get his money—not as much, indeed. The employer, on the other hand, might be bankrupted in an hour by a conspiracy among his workmen to quit work at a certain time, whereas the individual workman, or any half dozen of them, might walk out of the shop without notice, and injure no one but himself by so doing. Now, let us suppose a case which illustrates what we mean, yet involves no stretch of the imagination. We will concede that every workman employed in a certain mill is working under an unconditional understanding that he shall receive so much

We would call the attention of our readers to the completeness and value of the annual statistical reports now appearing in *The Iron Age*. Last week we published our annual report of the British iron trade by quarters, prepared by our accomplished correspondent in England. This week we review the year's happenings in the metal markets and in the Eastern iron market. Next week we hope to print, in addition to our quarterly table of blast-furnace statistics, showing the condition of the blast furnaces of the country at the close of 1880, a review of the course of the Western iron market during that year. These reviews are very interesting and instructive, and will well repay careful perusal. They are prepared with especial care as to accuracy of statistics, and should be preserved for reference by all for whom they have present or prospective value.



for a day's labor, and that the arrangement may be terminated by either party at will. There has been a meeting of the puddlers, at which it was decided to ask for an advance in wages. The demand was made and refused. The helpers, rollers, heaters and other workmen are in sympathy with the puddlers, and anxious to see the proprietors put in a position where they shall be afraid to refuse any demand of this kind. Meetings have been held and a plan secretly agreed upon which is to be carried out by the puddlers with the assistance of the helpers, the heaters, the rollers and the day laborers. At a critical moment, when there is a charge in every furnace and everything is in full swing, a signal is given, the puddlers put on their coats and march out, waiting around the door to be invited back with the assurance that they shall have the wages they ask for. The proprietor sees them go, and knows that to save his plant from practical ruin and himself from heavy expense he must act quickly. He calls a heater of experience and directs him to take charge of a certain puddling furnace. The heater replies that he cannot do it. The employer directs him to go to the office for his money, and is told that if he leaves, every heater in the mill will leave with him. He calls a roller to superintend the withdrawal of the charges from the heating furnaces, is again refused and told that if he dismisses the roller every other roller in the mill will go out with him. Would any one assume that the right of the individual to leave the mill when it suited him to do so, justified such a conspiracy as this? And yet what we have described actually happened in a mill we could name, and the manufacturer was bound to suspend operations for months before he was able to reorganize his working force. Meanwhile, the conspiracy embarrassed his movements at every turn, and made it impossible for him to secure men enough to start the mill until it was broken up by the fact that the necessities of the workmen forced them to seek again the employment they had so long refused and denied to others. It may be that "the grandest," &c., had no connection with this outrage on the rights of a citizen. We shall not venture any opinion on this point, but it was a conspiracy all the same, and should be called a crime.

## WASHINGTON NOTES.

Reassembling of Congress—The Speaker-ship—The Chinese Commissioners—Congress and the Fortification Bill—Values of Standard Foreign Coins.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 5, 1881.

The reassembling of Congress to-day was apparently under auspices more favorable to the transaction of business than was indicated by the course of the majority of the two houses before the Christmas recess. Neither party, as a whole, is desirous of forcing an extra session, as nothing at all is to be gained by such a course. The fact that the patronage of the House, which is now in the hands of the Democrats, would be taken from their control on March 4 if there were an extra session, instead of after the first Monday in December, is not regarded by liberal-minded members of either side as a sufficient ground for calling Congress together, and it is quite certain that the manufacturing interests are not at all anxious to have any more of Congress than the Constitution and the statutes require. To complete the business actually required of this session, such as passing the regular appropriation required for the maintenance of the various branches of the government, will require some active work. There remain of the session fifty-eight days, and of these eight are Sundays, which leaves net working days fifty, or a little over six days for each of the eight out of the eleven appropriation bills not yet reported or considered in the House. These will be required to be passed there and then by the Senate, and doubtless after all be submitted to a conference committee to adjust the differences between the two Houses. From this showing, despite the talk of the free traders in the House that they will bring up some one of their measures if only to test the sense of the two parties in that body, there is no likelihood of any legislation at all on tariff matters, not even to give an opportunity for a record of votes. Frank Hurd, whose enunciations in his declaratory resolution represent the foreign manufacturers and the free trade clubs of England, is desperately anxious to cut some sort of a figure before the session is closed. Hurd was one of the solons who were relegated to private life by their constituents in the last turn of the wheel of political fortune, and, therefore, it is especially important to him that he should have some grand project on which to parade himself in any future schemes which may come around his way. Representative Tucker, more wise than Hurd, perhaps, because he has been returned by his constituents to the Forty-seventh Congress, says that he has no hope of passing his hoop iron matter, and therefore will let it go over.

The arrangements preliminary to the Speakership are quietly going on among the friends of the different candidates, so that, in the event of an extra session being inevitable, they will be ready to proceed to active work immediately. The tariff men are getting their forces well in hand, and every day grow more confident that they will be able to control the Republican organization of the House.

The Secretary of State is daily expecting the return of Mr. Trescott, one of the commissioners sent to China to negotiate a new treaty between that country and the United States. In addition to the treaty to regulate Chinese immigration to the United States, according to cable advices received some weeks ago, the commissioners suc-

ceeded in consummating a commercial treaty. Mr. Everts, speaking of this treaty, says that it was entirely beyond his expectations, that the very satisfactory terms arranged with respect to immigration, which places the regulation of the whole subject in the hands of the United States, were in themselves sufficient to crown the labors of Messrs. Angel, Trescott and Smith with success; but that the commercial treaty was something more than was expected, and he was anxious to see its provisions to determine whether it carries with it all that is claimed for it. Mr. Everts says that he anticipates, in the early future, an enormous trade with the people of China, and this treaty will stimulate such a result. The preference given American exports of cottons he regards as one important step gained in our commercial relations in that direction, and he anticipates there a vast market for our manufactures of iron and other metals.

Congress, in the regular Fortification Appropriation Bill, having stricken out the item of \$500,000 for the manufacture of arms at the national armories, the projectors of the bill for the organization of the militia have taken the subject up. The Secretary of the Treasury, in the Book of Estimates, says, in the former connection: "Besides supplying the regular army, the militia, the various colleges and the other branches constituting the military establishment, the War Department has now to supply arms, ammunition, &c., to the Marine Corps and to the several executive departments, for use in the protection of public money and property, under the law of March 3, 1879. During the 10 years preceding the War of the Rebellion—from 1852 to 1861—there was appropriated annually, on an average, \$251,000 for the manufacture of arms at the national armories, and with this sum the wants of a smaller army and of a smaller population permitted the gradual increase of them in store. The increased cost of the present breech-loading rifle, the greater demand for its use and the paucity of the appropriations of late years, have left the country in a dangerous condition, there being on hand July 31, 1879, subject to issue, but 27,435 breech-loading rifles and carbines. It is of the most vital importance to the nation that the manufacture of arms by this department be steadily continued, in quantities sufficient to render a gradual accumulation of them in store a certainty. The number of small arms on hand should never be less than 500,000."

It can hardly be said that there is much prospect of the passage of this bill at this session. The necessity of providing a larger supply of small arms is fully appreciated, and something doubtless will be done in that direction by the next Congress.

In connection with the appropriation of \$20,000, recommended by the Secretary of the Treasury, for caring for, using and manipulating the United States testing machine at Watertown Arsenal, he adds: "This machine is too valuable to be permitted to stand idle. The determinations that may be made by it will be of value to the different departments of the government, as well as to the public generally. A much larger amount might be expended to great advantage."

The circular of the Secretary of the Treasury of January 1, proclaiming the estimation made by the Director of the Mint of the values of the standard coins in circulation in the various nations of the world, changes the values of the following coins from those proclaimed by the circular of 1880, as follows: The florin of Austria is reduced from 41.3 cents to 40.7. The boliviano of Bolivia, from 83.6 to 82.3. The milreis of Brazil increased from 54.5 to 54.6. The peso of Ecuador, reduced from 83.6 to 82.3. The rupee of India, from 39.7 to 39. Japan having adopted the free-coinage system for silver, the yen, which was formerly given as 99.7 in gold, is now 88.8 in silver. The Mexican dollar, from 90.9 to 89.4. The sol of Peru, from 83.6 to 82.3. The rouble of Russia, from 66.9 to 65.8. The mabub of Tripoli, from 74.8 to 74.3. The peso of Columbia, from 83.6 to 82.3. The peso of Venezuela at 19.3. The monetary unit of Egypt, which formerly was stated as the pound, at 4.974, is now fixed as the piaster at .049.

## NEW PUBLICATIONS.

THE OPEN FIRE-PLACE IN ALL AGES. By J. Pickering Putnam, Architect. Written for the *American Architect and Building News*. Illustrated by 269 cuts, including 36 full-page plates; 202 pages. Boston: James R. Osgood & Co. Price, \$2.

Of the 202 pages, 72 are occupied by the full-page cuts, while the remaining 230 illustrations are distributed through the reading matter. Taken altogether the book is an exceedingly handsome one. The plates are from a variety of sources, and are, without exception, well printed. Many of them are beautiful reproductions of larger engravings. Mr. Putnam's own drawings are very beautiful, and as a draftsman he certainly ranks easily in the first class. Several of the cuts we note are reduced from those which appeared in the *American Architect and Building News*. The historical examples collected and put in convenient form are very valuable, and no one interested in this subject can go through the book carefully without gaining much information of what has been done in the past.

When we come to the reason for making the book, we are somewhat disappointed to find that it is largely dependent upon a passing fashion. At the present time, it is the whim of fashion to have fire-places in nice houses; hence this work. As a means for heating, the fire-place may be classed as a barbarism, unscientific in principle, defective in method and operation. To combine heating with ventilation as a part of the same system, is certainly a grave mistake in any case where there are means available to do the work in a proper manner. If we would have comfortable and healthy houses, we must, during the cold weather, keep floors and walls warm, while the air which we breathe remains comparatively cool. To attempt to heat, by means of the fire-place, the walls and floors of a room, is a thing so wasteful that even our richest

people shrink from the task. When warming or heating by means of warm air is undertaken, it is vastly easier and more economical to resort to some of the thousands of different kinds of heaters to be found in our markets, than to use any kind of fire-place. When the walls and floors of a room are kept at the same temperature as the human body, the question of warming the air necessary for thorough ventilation is an easy problem to solve. Ventilation then may become both extensive and thorough in its character. To gravely propose the introduction of a fire-place into every room in a house, making it a part of the heating apparatus, seems to be a most unscientific thing, if we consider the infinite amount of dirt, annoyance and waste which it occasions. Of the fire-places illustrated in this book, it would seem that there are scarcely half a dozen which are safe to place in a room containing fine works of art. Most of the fire-places shown are of such a design as to make smoking inevitable. The author has several plans of his own for converting an open fire place into a kind of heating furnace and pouring hot air into the room, or warmed air, as he would call it. We think we should hardly wish to adopt the apparatus under any circumstances when any other means for heating could be employed.

The use of the metric system in all calculations and experiments, as well as in making many, if not all of the sketches, prevents the work from being of any real value to practical men whose measures are all divided into feet and inches, and whose tables and books of reference are intended for use of feet and inches. The inch divided into tenths would have given greater facility for calculation, and made the work of some value to the workman.

In the numerous drawings and sketches from Mr. Putnam's own hand, we find a number of most delightful suggestions for interiors, methods of treating rooms, and the construction of mantels and mantel shelves. In these Mr. Putnam is, without doubt, deservedly successful, and we hope that he will find time, in the future, to give the world something more elaborate in this line.

THE WORKSHOP COMPANION. By Dr. John Phil. 16 pages. New York: Industrial Publication Co. Price, 35 cents.

This is a collection of useful and reliable recipes, rules, processes, methods, wrinkles, and practical hints intended for the shop and the household. Many of these are original, and in several cases the directions have been worked out and improved by the compiler or under his immediate supervision. In some of the largest and best works of this character published, owing to the ignorance or carelessness of the compiler, recipes are given with which it is utterly impossible to produce good results. In some cases portions of the directions are left out or given separately as distinct operations. Dr. Phil's great practical knowledge has enabled him to avoid such errors and to add useful information to directions which would otherwise have been quite unintelligible to ordinary persons. The directions for the use of cement are probably the best that have ever appeared. They are certainly the foundation of the remarks on this subject given in all recent works, having originally appeared in one of the magazines of which the doctor had charge. The sections on varnish and varnishing, though short, are exceedingly good and practicable, as well as the one on whitewashing or kalsomining. It is, in fact, a miniature cyclopedia. The subjects treated of are widely varied, and yet there is very little in the work that is not useful in some shape to the metal worker. The work has been prepared with very great care, and the chief aim of the compiler has been to give recipes which would not disappoint those who attempted to use them. There is a short section on wood polishing, in which there are many practical directions for finishing wood by the method known as the French polish. There are three or four pages devoted to the staining of wood, in which we find some excellent recipes and some directions which are valuable to those wishing to produce imitations of various woods. Had the object of the publisher been to make as large a book as possible, it might easily have been expanded to twice or three times its present size. A very complete index makes the information easily accessible.

Iron Rust in Boilers.—The oxidation of iron immersed in ordinary water, says *Engineering*, appears to be largely due to two causes—namely, first the absorption of oxygen contained in the water, and second, the absorption of oxygen set free during the decomposition of the water, hydrogen being set free in the latter case. M. Lodin, who has made a number of experiments on the corrosion of iron wires immersed in water and various solutions, and who has described his experiments in the *Comptes Rendus*, has arrived at the conclusion that the first of the above causes of oxidation is generally of the chief importance. With both distilled and ordinary water the temperature has a very important influence. Thus at 68° Fahr. the quantities of oxygen absorbed per square foot of iron surface per hour when immersed in distilled and calcareous waters respectively, were 0.258 grains and 0.330 grains, while at 212° the quantities rose to about 2.364 grains and 2.579 grains. The immersion of iron in all the waters tested was accompanied by the evolution of hydrogen, the action being least, however, in distilled water. At a temperature of about 260° Fahr., the decomposition of the water was found to be equivalent to the absorption of 0.01 grains of oxygen per square foot of surface per hour for distilled water; 0.0129 grains for calcareous water; 0.0182 for water containing one-fifth part of crystallized chloride of magnesium; 0.05 grains for water saturated with chloride of sodium; and 0.067 grains for sea water.

In the issue of *The Iron Age* of October 23d, 1880, we stated erroneously that a motion for a preliminary injunction had been denied in the case of the Chalmers-Spence Co. against J. Newton Pierce and Belfield & Co., before Judge McKenna in the United States Circuit Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. As in an earlier case

against Greer & Co., of Philadelphia, the Judge upheld the Ashcroft patent, No. 55,598, dated June 19, 1866, and on the 12th of October, 1880, granted an injunction against J. Newton Pierce et al. in favor of the Chalmers-Spence Co., whose claim to a patent on an air space in connection with the use of non-conducting materials around boilers, &c., has thus been twice sustained.

## Failure of the Joseph Dixon Crucible Co. and Fowler, Crampton &amp; Co.

The prominent theme in mercantile circles yesterday was the assignment of the old firm of Fowler, Crampton & Co., importers of chemicals, followed immediately by the announcement that the Joseph Dixon Crucible Company had gone into a receivership. Upon investigation, *The Iron Age* reporter is satisfied to accept as correct the statement of one of the creditors of Fowler, Crampton & Co., that the mischief is wholly due to speculation. This firm is known to have netted \$25,000 some months ago in a single transaction, but they bought largely of opium, though not in the so-called "syndicate," also sugar and articles not strictly in their line; and the consequences are seen. They were at the same time agents for the Joseph Dixon Crucible Company, and held large amounts of their paper, the two concerns indorsing for mutual accommodation. At the office of the firm yesterday Mr. A. M. Lewis, the assignee, could not speak definitely as to the amount of liabilities, but put them down at \$500,000. Respecting the value of assets, no estimate was possible, as they consist largely of real estate in Brooklyn, where their oil mills are located, also of merchandise, bills receivable, and open accounts.

The Joseph Dixon Crucible Company, upon receiving information of the suspension of Fowler, Crampton & Co., at once determined upon a receivership for the better protection of the property, as it was impossible to meet the paper falling due. Mr. Orestes Cleveland, the president, makes the following statement: "We had been purchasing Ceylon plumbago of the firm in large quantities, and gave our paper in payment. Some of this paper is now nearly due, and the firm's assets being in the hands of an assignee, we would not be able to secure an extension of time. So we asked for the appointment of a receiver to protect our interests. We have over 600 hands in our employ, have been constantly increasing our business, and our affairs were never so prosperous. We can secure through our receiver the extension of time on our paper, which we could easily have secured from the firm if it had not failed. Work at our factory and mines will not be stopped, the difficulty being temporary. The company was organized in 1868, with a cash capital of \$750,000. The officers, besides myself, are John A. Walker, secretary, and William A. Brown, treasurer."

Mr. Cleveland is largely interested in the business. The suspension is generally considered but temporary; meanwhile the receiver, Mr. E. F. C. Young, president of the First National Bank of Jersey City, will proceed with the discharge of his duties, the chancellor having issued an injunction restraining the company from doing further business in its own name, until a further order from the court. Otherwise the arrangements are as usual and unchanged.

The local manager in New York, in charge of the Reade street office and warehouse, enlarged somewhat on the brief statement already made by the president, remarking to *The Iron Age* reporter that the business of the Crucible Company was solid and prosperous, leaving out of view outside accommodations and complications of which he had no knowledge. He thought its present embarrassment would be but temporary, and hoped that under the receivership they would be relieved. The receivership was merely to protect the enterprise. He did not believe more than 30 days would be required for an adjustment. As to other matters he had no information. The Joseph Dixon Crucible Company is doing a much larger business than it was a year ago, and its paper would have sold at any time up to the present week at 2 per cent. The concern had been doing a prosperous business for the last 53 years, and would have been as sound to-day as the Bank of England, but for outside operations.

One of the stockholders of the Crucible Company spoke of the extensive improvements made by them within the past year at the graphite mines in Ticonderoga, N. Y., requiring a large investment in buildings and machinery. These mines are said to be the most valuable of any in the country. The works in Jersey City have been much improved and enlarged within the last six months, the company having acquired new property. By these means the cost of production has been much reduced, but it is yet too early to realize the benefits except in a small measure. The company had done 20 per cent. more business in the last year than ever before. They had needed capital, but instead of issuing more stock, as advised by some, they had raised money by other methods. Respecting business, they had sold more goods and made more money than in any previous year. The liabilities are estimated at \$1,000,000 and the assets about the same.

Iron, in an elaborate article on the English steel trade, makes the following estimate of the production of Bessemer and open-hearth steel for the year 1880:

	1879.	1880.
Sheffield .....	210,346	400,000
South Wales .....	852,173	100,000
Lancashire and Cumberland .....	279,293	400,000
Cleveland .....	85,899	200,000
Staffordshire .....	7,900	.....
Total .....	834,711	1,300,000
Open hearth steel .....	175,000	250,000
Total .....	1,009,711	1,550,000

In the course of its argument it contrasts the fact that the 114 converters in England possess such a small capacity, when that of the American works is so great. The following passage will seem curious, in view of the fact that our works have reached a production of 3000 tons per pair of converters per week: A few years ago, in the last burst of prosperity, the American steel manufacturers were considered to be work-

ing with a kind of miraculous power when they turned out 500 tons of ingots per week out of a pair of vessels. Now that rate is common enough in this country in times when there is no pressing inducement to increase speed.

## The Potts Nickel Plating Solution.

Mr. Joseph H. Potts, No. 2638 Fairhill street, Philadelphia, Pa., has issued the following circular, which may be of interest to the trade:

TO USERS OF NICKEL SOLUTIONS.—I have tested a number of patented solutions advertised, and found they contained ammonia in some form or other. A simple test for ammonia in a solution is powdered lime. Sift the lime freely in a portion of the solution and your nose will detect ammonia by its peculiar odor. I advise all to apply this test.

My plating solution is a new compound, and different from any solution heretofore used. It is not an experiment. It has, in one shop this year, plated nearly 200,000 pounds of cast iron, brass, and other metals, and its plating qualities have improved with use. For proof of this I refer to Enterprise Manufacturing Company, of Pennsylvania, located at Third and Dauphin streets, Philadelphia, Pa.

In the preparation and use, my plating solution requires less care than any other, and is superior to any solution containing ammonia. It deposits the metal with a beautiful metallic color. It is an impossibility to burn the work with a hard crystallized deposit of nickel, as sometimes happens with all ammonia solutions. It works well with the rolled nickel anodes, now becoming indispensable.

I propose to sell you a shop right to make and use a specific amount of my plating solution, for cash down in preference to selling by the gallon. This plan has the following advantages which it will secure to you:

1. A solution free from ammonia. You can swear to this fact. Can you do so when you buy a solution ready made and do not know the composition of it?
2. It will be cheaper, costing you less. The necessary material can be bought from the well-known nickel manufacturer, Joseph Wharton, whose address is Post Office box 2786, Philadelphia, Pa.
3. You buy the right to use a certain amount, free from all charges for royalty.
4. My patents were secured through an extensively and well-known firm of patent attorneys, who, before proceeding with my case, had the solution made and used in their presence, and it was then analyzed by one of the best chemists in Philadelphia. These precautions were to secure to me, and through me to the public, a solid patent for a reliable solution.
5. As the rolled nickel anodes, though patented by Mr. Wharton, are sold by him without any charge for royalty, and I propose to make no charge for royalty on solution, platers can at last see their way clear to carry on their business without paying tribute to any monopoly. My solution was patented September 28, 1880, through Howson & Son. It is composed of lime, nickel and acetic acid.

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JOSEPH H. POTTS,  
No. 2638 Fairhill street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Hincks & Johnson, Bridgeport, Ct., have patented and are now manufacturing a rubber-headed tack whose uses are multifarious. As an insulator for sewing machines they are largely used by the leading manufacturers, and are easily and quickly applied. For household uses they are placed in the backs of chairs to prevent damage to walls; in the ends and sides of door stops; in rabbets of large folding doors; on lids of pianos; in rabbets of rattling window frames, and, in fact, anywhere to overcome the nuisance of rattling. Car manufacturers use them to deaden noise and avoid abrasion of polished surfaces. Carriage manufacturers apply them to stop the rattling of window frames and doors, and for glass frames to drop upon the inside of doors. Book manufacturers place them on the corners of large books to protect the binding. In schools, slate frames and rattling desk lids demand them. On billiard cues they are used, and obviate the use of chalk. Indeed, there is hardly any limit to which this useful article may not be applied. They are neatly made and look as if they would give long service in any use for which they are adapted.

The improved French method of preserving wood by the application of lime is said to be found to work well. The plan is to pile the planks in a tank and to put over all a layer of quicklime, which is gradually slaked with water. Timber for mines requires about a week to be thoroughly impregnated, and other wood more or less time, according to its thickness. The material acquires remarkable consistence and hardness, it is stated, on being subjected to this simple process, and the assertion is made that it will never rot. Beechwood prepared in this way for hammers and other tools for iron works is found to acquire the hardness of oak, without parting with any of its well-known elasticity or toughness, and it also lasts longer.

Messrs. Wells, Fargo & Co.'s annual report of the precious metals produced west of the Missouri River, including British Columbia, and the receipts in San Francisco by express from the west coast of Mexico, aggregates: Gold, \$33,522,182; silver, \$40,005,364; lead, \$5,752,390; copper, \$898,000. Colorado leads with a total of \$21,284,989; California follows with \$18,276,166; Nevada, \$15,031,166; Utah, \$6,450,953; and Arizona, \$4,472,471. In comparison with the product for 1879, California shows an increase in gold of \$579,579 and a decrease in silver of \$360,873. Nevada shows a total falling off of \$6,966,093.

A meeting of the trustees of the Markland & Poole Manufacturing Company, of Newark, N. J., will be held at their N. Y. office, No. 44 Center street, on the 11th of January inst., to authorize the increase of their capital stock to \$75,000. Calvin Carr, Clement Lockitt, Daniel F. Noyes, and William D. Wines are the trustees.



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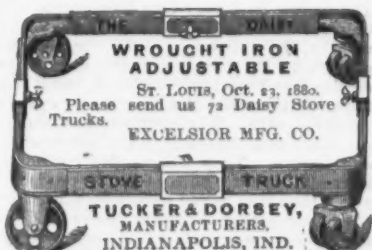
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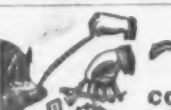
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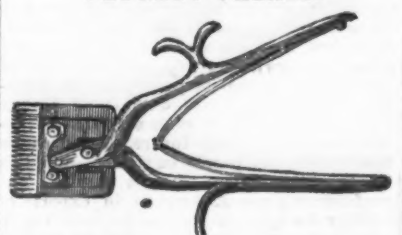
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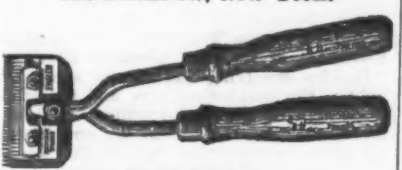


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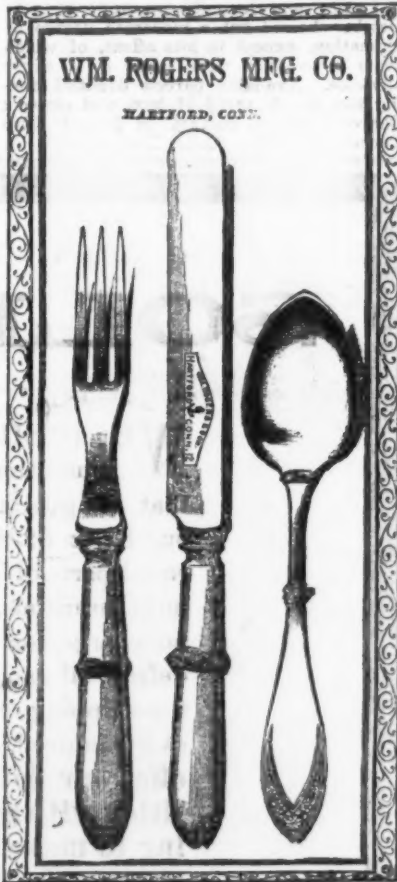
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On taking a general review of the course of the metal markets in 1880, it should be remembered that business in Europe, although it took such a favorable turn in October, 1879, was interrupted by an unusually long and severe winter, and that the crops in 1879 and 1878 had been bad. Under these circumstances Europe was hardly in a position favorable enough to resume the revival in trade started during the preceding fall, and in some of the advance in prices which speculation had fostered in such an extravagant manner. This seemed, indeed, evident enough to the cool observer, yet the speculative element was again on hand as soon as the new year had been ushered into existence. During the past two months of the year success seemed to attend this renewed onset, and prices of most goods, including metals, fully recovered the extreme rates of the previous autumn. On this side the markets at first responded freely, but when merchants here discovered that Europe expected the United States to take the bulk of goods, they at once came to the conclusion that this second edition of a "boom" was bound to prove a disappointment. As we have shown, Europe was indeed ill-prepared to back an upward movement, and as we certainly had been importing for some six or eight months unusually large amounts of goods of all kinds, a reaction and material recoil was at hand. The two leading metals—Copper and Tin—did not escape these influences of a general kind; Lead felt them comparatively less, but Spelter even more so. Later on special causes militated in favor of Tin at least, but although the general commercial status gradually improved in Europe in consequence of more abundant crops, except in Germany and Russia, the remaining metals did not recover values ruling early in the year.

With the exception of Tin, speculation has during the remainder of the year meddled very little with Metals, in spite of the ease in money matters in Europe, and notwithstanding the absence of threatening political questions. Consumption has thus remained unhampered by high prices and violent fluctuations, and has no doubt made good progress, thus making headway against the large production going on unabated. The general business outlook on both sides the Atlantic is now more promising than it was a year since. The European countries whose harvests have been average ones, are large consumers of all sorts of goods, including Metals, while the abundant crops here, and comparatively high prices which they command in every department, hold out promise of continued prosperity which cannot fail to benefit the Metal trade, and enhance its consumptive capacity.

CLOSING PRICES AT NEW YORK.—CENTS PER POUND.—IN GOLD.

	July 1, 1879.	Jan. 1, 1880.	Nov. 1, 1880.	Dec. 29, 1880.
Lake Copper	24 1/2	24 1/2	21 1/2	19 1/2
Straits Tin	31 1/2	31 1/2	24 1/2	19 1/2
Domestic Lead	6 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2
Spelter	7 1/2	4 1/2	6 1/2	4 1/2
Antimony	13 1/2	19	18 1/2	15 1/2
Coke Tin, per ton	\$5.12 1/2	\$5.12 1/2	\$7.50	\$5.00

Closing prices of Metals, it will be seen, are certainly moderate and considerably lower than they were a year since. This is decidedly encouraging to the consumer, and prepares a good spring demand.

**Copper.**

The rise in Copper and other metals which culminated in October, 1879, was vigorously renewed early in 1880 on both sides the Atlantic. Although consumers bought to a fair extent, the movement was speculative, especially in the English markets, operators coming forward boldly despite the unfavorable statistical position in England and France. Opening at £67, Chili Bars were thus in the course of the month of January pushed to £75, the closing figure. Aggregate sales of Lake Superior at New York reached, in January, some 2,500,000 lb, and gradually gave way to 24 1/2¢, the closing figure, for immediate delivery, while futures remained 25¢ @ 25¢. According to statistics drawn up at the time, the Lake Superior region produced in 1879 some 40,000,000 lb of Copper, and other portions of the United States 6,000,000 lb, while consumption absorbed 42,000,000 lb and export 11,000,000 lb. The visible supply to June 1, on this side, early in the year, was therefore moderate, indeed, contrary to what the European statistical position disclosed. In April the disappointment which the month of March had spread among European holders who saw Chili Bars give way gradually to £66 on March 31, under a visible supply of 63,951 tons, was intensified and assisted in depressing the market on this side, so much so that, with sales not exceeding 900,000 lb, the price of Lake Copper ranged considerably lower, declining to 22¢, and, finally, to 21¢. Manufacturers drew their supplies from producers direct, much to the disappointment of speculative holders whose offers precipitated the decline. From Europe news reached us that German production in 1879 had been 12 1/2% greater than in 1878, while Spain turned out some 20,000 tons more; on the other hand, Chili, 7000 tons less. The latter, it was shown, turned out 43,000 tons in 1879; Spain, 25,000, and Germany, 10,000. The impression began to prevail in Europe that Spanish production, if further developed, would tend to prevent, for a long time to come, a recovery of Copper values. This feeling, no doubt, powerfully contributed to check speculative operations in the London market, and Chili Bars opened in May at £61, in order to gradually decline to £55 @ £56; while in the New York market the apathy was, if possible, rendered worse by a summer heat of unusual intensity. With sales limited to about 900,000 lb, Lake Superior Copper gave way from 21¢, early in

May, to 18¢, at its close. In June the speculative element in London deemed the moment opportune to once more vigorously take in hand this down-trodden metal, and Chili Bars were made to recover, in the course of the month, from £55. 10/ to £66, a movement important enough to meet with sympathy in our market. From 18 1/2¢, early in June, Lake Copper was thus, by degrees, pushed to 19 1/2¢, the closing figure, sales aggregating 1,100,000 lb. When the mails from Europe came to hand it was shown that solid capitalists there had largely participated in Copper purchases, deeming the temporary decline exaggerated, notwithstanding the statistical position. At any rate, the rebound, despite the co-operation of powerful parties, appeared rather too sudden and extreme. July was, as usual, a dull month, sales being confined to 1,000,000 lb Lake Superior at 18 1/2¢ @ 19¢, manufacturers not buying beyond more immediate requirements, a few resales sufficing to supply them. Toward the close of the month these offers ceased, stray lots being exhausted, producers remaining the sole holders, little inclined to go on at current rates. Hence, the market wound up in good position, and, as the outlook for fall became promising, a confident feeling began to spread, while in Europe a reaction from the June excitement carried back Chili Bars to £61. The month of August thus found consumers ready to operate more extensively, and 6,500,000 lb Lake Superior met with purchasers at 19¢, the month closing quiet, but firm, at 19 1/2¢ @ 19 1/2¢. Returns from Treasury Department showed that the export of Lake Copper and Cartridges had been unusually light. In Europe the statistical position grew worse, the visible supply being on Aug. 1, 65,000 tons, against 61,447 in 1879, and 52,099 in 1878. This did not, however, prevent Chili Bars from recovering from £61 to £62. 10/ in September the dealings in our market were of little importance, being restricted to 500,000 lb Lake Copper at 18 1/2¢ @ 19¢, which price ranged throughout the month. Official statistics showed that while from Jan. 1 to Aug. 1 there had been an importation of 4,000,000 lb, we had exported hardly anything against 11,000,000 lb thus disposed of during the corresponding period of the previous year, thus reversing, so to say, our foreign trade, a circumstance not calculated to encourage the re-establishment of higher prices. In other words the metal, if not as badly situated on this side as in Europe, failed to inspire our metal trade with much confidence. The dull feeling thus deepened in October, and sales were confined to 500,000 lb at 18 1/2¢ @ 18 1/2¢, which was at the same time the closing figure. The only redeeming feature in Copper becoming apparent at this time came from Chili, where shipments to Europe had fallen somewhat behind the previous year's charters, partly in consequence perhaps of diminished production and partly due to the violent fluctuations in exchange at Valparaiso, during and subsequent to peace negotiations unsuccessfully carried on during the month under the auspices of our government. It became evident that a continuation of the war on the West Coast would in the long run interfere with Copper production in Chili by drafting part of the mining population into the army. In November there was again witnessed at New York an excessively dull Copper market, sales not exceeding 750,000 lb Lake. Much greater firmness was exhibited on the part of holders, the small speculative lots having been swept from the market by degrees, placing producers in more undisputed command of it, and enabling them to firmly establish the price of 18 1/2¢ @ 19¢. Moreover, it became evident that domestic consumption during the year must have been large indeed, if without material speculative assistance and without exportation to speak of prices had been so remarkably well sustained during the fall, and all the way into the winter months. Producers, therefore, under the circumstances had every reason to be satisfied with the course of prices. Similar influences seem to have been at work in Europe, for Chili Bars during all the month of November hardly varied from £62. In December, the market at New York gradually got into better shape, after it was shown that in the course of the last two or three months there had been secured by consumers, partly on the spot and mostly to arrive, some 10,000,000 to 12,000,000 lb of Copper. The price for Lake Superior Copper most of the time ruled between 19¢ and 19 1/2¢, the closing price being 19 1/2¢ @ 19 1/2¢. The shipments from the Lake region were stated to have been 23,061,448 lb Copper and 17,622,545 lb mineral, of which the Calumet and Hecla mine alone shipped 14,320,781 lb Copper and 8,194,835 lb of mineral. Chili Bars closed at £61. 10/. The following tables show developments in England and France. The position from Dec. 1, 1879, to Dec. 1, 1880, was as follows:

	Price.	Stock on hand.	Visible supply.
1879-Dec. 1	26 10 0	41,115	53,165
1880-Jan. 1	66 0 0	42,159	54,119
Feb. 1	73 10 0	37,997	51,809
March 1	71 0 0	38,000	50,869
April 1	65 10 0	42,065	54,944
May 1	60 0 0	42,744	54,669
June 1	56 0 0	42,078	54,608
July 1	60 0 0	45,445	58,579
Aug. 1	68 0 0	44,399	56,042
Sept. 1	61 5 0	43,876	55,520
Oct. 1	60 5 0	46,055	54,679
Nov. 1	61 0 0	45,804	53,879
Dec. 1	61 10 0	46,761	55,015

And the comparative positions at the same date of the past four years with the present:

	Price.	Stock on hand.	Visible supply.
1876-Dec. 1	27 6 0	25,802	31,621
1877-Dec. 1	63 10 0	30,701	36,802
1878-Dec. 1	59 0 0	30,008	47,073
1879-Dec. 1	68 10 0	41,115	53,165
1880-Dec. 1	61 10 0	46,761	55,015

Charters at Valparaiso to Nov. 30, 1880, were 37,700 tons, against 47,300 tons in 1879.

VALUE OF INGOOT COPPER AT NEW YORK IN CURRENCY

	1874.	1875.	1876.	1877.	1878.	1879.	1880.
January	20 1/2	23 1/2	19 1/2	17 1/2	15 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2
February	22 1/2	22 1/2	19 1/2	17 1/2	15 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2
March	21 1/2	21 1/2	19 1/2	17 1/2	15 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2
April	22 1/2	22 1/2	19 1/2	17 1/2	15 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2
May	23 1/2	23 1/2	19 1/2	17 1/2	15 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2
June	24 1/2	24 1/2	19 1/2	17 1/2	15 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2
July	24 1/2	24 1/2	19 1/2	17 1/2	15 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2
August	21 1/2	21 1/2	19 1/2	17 1/2	15 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2
September	21 1/2	21 1/2	19 1/2	17 1/2	15 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2
October	21 1/2	21 1/2	19 1/2	17 1/2	15 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2
November	21 1/2	21 1/2	19 1/2	17 1/2	15 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2
December	21 1/2	21 1/2	19 1/2	17 1/2	15 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2



Tin.

The unexpectedly large quantity of Tin absorbed in the United States in 1879, some 8000 tons, powerfully contributed to revive early in the year speculation for a rise both in Europe and on this side, the more so as there was every indication in January that this American consumption would not soon abate. The consequence was a decidedly upward tendency from the very commencement in this market, notwithstanding the liberal arrivals of 47,149 slabs in all the month. Straits Tin was thus carried from 21 1/2¢ @ 24 1/4¢ here, and from £92 @ £100 in London. In February less favorable views began to prevail, and a feeling of indifference soon pervaded the markets, precipitating a slow, but uninterrupted decline. At ruling high prices consumers were by no means inclined to anticipate their wants, and as they were sufficiently stocked for the moment, speculators were left to sustain rates single handed at a range of value little justified by the real position of the metal. Actual arrivals were limited to some 250 tons, but the cable announced large shipments this way from the Straits which would drop into our dull season, a prospect by no means encouraging. The consequence of this state of affairs was a gradual weakening and a return from 24 1/2¢ at the opening in February, to 23 1/4¢ at the close. London, meanwhile, gave way from £93 @ £93 with Straits Tin. During the first two months of the year the statistical position of Tin in the United States had shaped as follows: Stocks here and in Boston, January 1, 1880, were estimated at 2500 tons; the receipts in January and February were about 52,000 slabs Straits, 14,000 ingots Australian and 18,000 slabs Billiton, footing up, together with some English and Banca imports, about 4500 tons, and constituting a joint supply of 7000 tons; while a very liberal estimate placed the consumption in January and February at, altogether, 2000 tons, leaving, on March 1, an available stock of 5000 tons, and adding thereto the amounts afloat, the visible supply actually reached some 8500 tons. At the same time, it was learned that production in Tasmania was developing on a very liberal scale, and that 1000 tons Australian Tin, believed to have gone into consumption on the Continent, had been returned to London, all of which impressed most unfavorably not only the London and Dutch markets, but also our own, so much so that a gradual decline set in simultaneously on both sides, carrying London back from £93 to £86, and New York from 22 1/2¢ to 20 1/2¢. Sales here did not exceed, in all March, 400 tons, while the March shipments from the Straits alone this way amounted to 500 tons. These facts caused great demoralization in our market in April, stocks accumulating in store all the time, so that Straits Tin receded, in the course of the month, from 20 1/2¢ to 18 1/4¢. The total arrivals summed up some 50,000 slabs, while sales did not exceed 400 tons. May opened with a depressed feeling, particularly also in Europe, caused there not so much by the statistical position—which, instead of getting worse, was, on the contrary, improving—but by a general decline in metals, affecting Tin with the rest. For a few days Tin resisted this indirect influence in the London market, and kept fluctuating between £84 and £77, but it finally gave way and dropped to £76, when it became known there that we had dropped from 18 1/4¢ to 16¢ with Straits, and that Billiton had been forced off as low as 15¢. The arrivals here figured up in May to some 18,000 slabs and the sales about 300 tons. Both the European and American markets were now evidently ripe for a vigorous rebound from a reaction which had evidently been carrying the price of Tin below its intrinsic value. During the fore part of June a speculative movement was, consequently, set on foot in Boston, which, when it became known, at first created a good deal of confusion and irregularity in the market. Straits Tin for a moment had dropped at New York to 15¢, and immediately rebounded to 15 1/4¢, being carried, in the course of the month, to 18¢ @ 18 1/2¢, while London, upon this news, recovered, in less time even, £15 1/2 ton. In June, when this movement was inaugurated, the visible supply on this side was still 4640 tons, the arrivals during May having been 1300 tons. Sales in June amounted to 1000 tons and 100 tons were returned to Europe. In spite of the summer dullness of July there was no relaxation in speculation in Tin on both sides, London advancing in the course of the month another £10, and New York from 18 1/2¢ @ 21 1/4¢, some 1500 tons changing hands in this market. The general advance in Tin of 40¢ since the middle of June, however, created a feeling of great caution among consumers, and to a notable degree affected their takings; this, however, did not prevent the metal from closing with considerable firmness for the month. Hesitation on the part of consumers to take hold rather increased in August. Opening at 21 1/4¢, the price thus weakened during the month and closed at 21¢. Estimates of consumption were reduced for the month from 1200 tons to 1000, and even this was deemed too large. Deliveries in England and Holland during the first 7 months were put at 11,700 tons, against 12,230 tons during the corresponding period of the previous year, but the statistical position there was favorable enough to uphold the advance established. Still it became evident that the recovery of a remunerative price would attract shipments in increasing quantities both to Europe and America, and that nothing would sustain prices except large deliveries in the fall or another resort to speculative upholstering. Under the prevalence of this sentiment consumers only operated in all September from hand-to-mouth, while speculators withdrew for the moment altogether, causing weakness and a revival from 20 1/4¢ at the opening to 20¢ at the close. In London and Holland a similar feeling ruled the markets. It was shown that the United States had imported during the first 7 months no less than 9533 tons of Tin, against 4776 tons during the same time in 1879. While importation had thus doubled, the average monthly consumption for this period was estimated not to have exceeded 1365 tons. News from Australia announced at the same time a vigorous resumption of production at the antipodes.

The stock at the commencement of September on this coast proved to be 1800 tons, with 1900 tons afloat. In October it was shown that during the first 8 months we had imported 10,206 tons of Tin, against 7585 in 1879; our supply had therefore been about 1200 tons per month, the maximum of estimated consumption. Sales in October not going beyond 1000 tons at 19 1/4¢ @ 20 1/4¢, the market, in the absence of all redeeming features on this side, became quite flat and closed at 19 1/4¢. The presidential election at the same time approaching, little interest began to be felt in the metal. In Europe, on the contrary, activity was kept up and seemed to prepare a speedy revival even in speculation for a rise. In November, Europe, indeed, launched out again and did not fail to electrify the American markets likewise, causing to be done a large business here, some 2000 tons changing hands at 19 1/4¢ @ 21 1/4¢. In December the speculation for a rise in Tin seemed to have spent itself, and the price gradually receded from 21 1/4¢ to 19 1/4¢; in England to £91. Straits on the other side showed the following results for 11 months:

		During first 11 mos.	
Shipments from Straits to Lon.		1880.	1879.
Jan. to Dec.	2,155	3,430	
Shipments from Australia to Lon.		1880.	1879.
Jan. to Dec.	6,648	6,781	
Deliveries of tin in London, tons.		1880.	1879.
Jan. to Dec.	13,361	13,361	
Deliveries of tin in London and Holland, tons.		1880.	1879.
Jan. to Dec.	19,210	19,373	

PRICES OF BANCA TIN IN HOLLAND SINCE 1872, IN GUILDERS, PER 50 KILOS.

	1873.	1874.	1875.	1876.	1877.	1878.	1879.	1880.
Jan. 1.	85 1/2	70	57 1/2	50	45	40 1/2	38 1/2	54 1/2
Feb. 1.	85 1/2	70	57 1/2	50	45	40 1/2	38 1/2	54 1/2
Mar. 1.	85 1/2	70	57 1/2	50	45	40 1/2	38 1/2	54 1/2
Apr. 1.	85 1/2	70	57 1/2	50	45	40 1/2	38 1/2	54 1/2
May 1.	85 1/2	70	57 1/2	50	45	40 1/2	38 1/2	54 1/2
June 1.	85 1/2	70	57 1/2	50	45	40 1/2	38 1/2	54 1/2
July 1.	85 1/2	70	57 1/2	50	45	40 1/2	38 1/2	54 1/2
Aug. 1.	85 1/2	70	57 1/2	50	45	40 1/2	38 1/2	54 1/2
Sept. 1.	85 1/2	70	57 1/2	50	45	40 1/2	38 1/2	54 1/2
Oct. 1.	85 1/2	70	57 1/2	50	45	40 1/2	38 1/2	54 1/2
Nov. 1.	85 1/2	70	57 1/2	50	45	40 1/2	38 1/2	54 1/2
Dec. 1.	85 1/2	70	57 1/2	50	45	40 1/2	38 1/2	54 1/2

The following shows the course of prices at New York:

STRAITS TIN.	
Sept. '79.	13 1/2¢ @ 13 1/2¢
Oct. '79.	13 1/2¢ @ 13 1/2¢
Nov. '79.	13 1/2¢ @ 13 1/2¢
Dec. '79.	13 1/2¢ @ 13 1/2¢
Jan. '80.	13 1/2¢ @ 13 1/2¢
Feb. '80.	13 1/2¢ @ 13 1/2¢
Mar. '80.	13 1/2¢ @ 13 1/2¢
Apr. '80.	13 1/2¢ @ 13 1/2¢
May '80.	13 1/2¢ @ 13 1/2¢
June '80.	13 1/2¢ @ 13 1/2¢
July '80.	13 1/2¢ @ 13 1/2¢
Aug. '80.	13 1/2¢ @ 13 1/2¢
Sept. '80.	13 1/2¢ @ 13 1/2¢
Oct. '80.	13 1/2¢ @ 13 1/2¢
Nov. '80.	13 1/2¢ @ 13 1/2¢
Dec. '80.	13 1/2¢ @ 13 1/2¢

Lead.

The month of January found our Lead market in an unexcited condition, being but moderately active at 6¢ @ 6 1/4¢, Common Domestic sales summing up 2000 tons, for the most part at 6¢. Some arrivals from England and Spain were placed without difficulty, some more still being expected. An advancing market in Europe lent support to holders here. Although in February sales were restricted to 600 tons at \$5.95 @ \$6, a firm feeling prevailed, the general opinion being that the approaching spring trade would prove an active one in this metal, and that the large consumption in 1879 would be fully kept up. March opened with an unusually light stock here of only about 700 tons, against 8000 tons the year before, but some foreign Lead being offered early in the month as low as \$5.80, great irregularity seized upon the market, some 1500 tons of Common Domestic selling from \$5.95 down to 5 1/2¢, at which it closed. News reached us from Spain that, in consequence of more remunerative prices ruling, production had begun to expand considerably in that quarter. In April accounts were received from London to the effect that a syndicate had been formed for the purpose of upholding the price of the metal on the other side, and the market here was stirred up somewhat from its apathy. The stronger feeling thus engendered was doomed, however, to be but short lived, for soon after the cable informed us that the syndicate had not been set on foot, the proposed syndicate not having come to an agreement. This failure to support prices on the other side had a demoralizing effect here, the more so as the consumptive demand proved to be feeble. The fact is that at this time Spanish production was statistically shown to have been 80,000 tons in 1879, being 10,000 tons in excess of 1878, and that of Germany 73,000 tons, being 3¢ greater than in 1878. Sales for the month here were limited to 1200 tons from 5 1/2¢ down to \$5.45. The spring trade in this country had not come up to expectations, and the prospect ahead was not of the brightest; the month, therefore, closed with considerable weakness. This dull feeling continued during May, carrying down the price from \$5.15 to 4 1/4¢, notwithstanding the scarcity of ore and high price of it reported from Leadville. Aggregate sales in May in this market did not exceed 500 tons, in small lots. In June, news reached us of the labor difficulties at Leadville, and as the stock here was only 2500 tons, against 4000 tons in January, after importing some 2000 tons, more favorable views were entertained and greater firmness was exhibited by holders. Although sales in June were restricted to 500 tons at 4 1/2¢ @ 4 1/4¢, the closing price was slightly better, being 4 1/2¢ @ 5¢. The month of July fully justified expectations of an increasing trade, leading as it did to sales of together some 1500 to 2000 tons at 4 1/2¢, unaccompanied by excitement and speculation. Opening at 4 1/4¢, the demand increased as soon as concessions were made, consumers resolutely taking hold of the metal at the decline, preferring to lay in supplies during a quiet month rather than run the chance of having to pay more in an active one. While this happened here, producers in the interior did not press their Lead for sale, the entire aspect thus becoming an eminently sound and reassuring one, without holding out prospects of any very extraordinary advance. August fulfilled all that had been expected of it in the way of liveliness, leading to sales of 2500 tons Common and 1000 tons Refined Lead. First sales during the month had been effected at 4 1/4¢, but as the demand developed a gradual appreciation took place, raising the price toward the close to 5¢. The market meanwhile remained unexcited, and the dealings

thus betokened great soundness, leading to the best hopes for the remainder of the campaign. While this was the case on this side, the European aspect also improved, recovering from the late prostration. Confidence was thus restored on both sides the Atlantic, without the intervention of the speculative element usually so precarious in this particular metal. September did not distinguish itself by much activity, sales being confined to 1500 tons of Common Lead, but the market, nevertheless, maintained its firmness, principal holders persevering in their attitude of stiffness and confidence. Prices varied very little from 4 1/4¢, which was also the closing figure. Refined remained inactive, but as White Lead manufacturers were known to be lightly stocked, and, therefore, likely soon to resume purchases on a more extensive scale, prices remained well supported. In October holders of Common Lead deemed it more prudent to meet the market unhesitatingly and make liberal concessions. This provoked an active demand on the part of consumers, who were thus able to secure some 3000 tons in the course of the month, at \$4.65 the greater portion of it. Toward the close of the month the price recovered to 4 1/4¢. It was evident that at this range of value consumption was able to expand satisfactorily, and as the season was too far advanced to encourage any attempt at speculation, there was every appearance that we should reach the end of the campaign without undue fluctuation. Lead producers thus had the satisfaction of perceiving, when November was at hand, that throughout the year consumption had developed freely at rates acceptable to both parties, while allowing production to expand unhampered at its ordinary rate of progress. There had been no interference on the part of speculation, and violent fluctuations, so detrimental to legitimate trade, had been avoided. Sales in November were restricted to 1500 tons at \$4.80 @ \$4.85, but leaving, nevertheless, but comparatively light stocks at the seaports. In December the market became excessively dull and developed great weakness, the absence of demand carrying down the price by degrees from 4 1/4¢ @ 4 1/4¢ for Common Domestic, closing at the latter figure.

PRICE OF COMMON DOMESTIC LEAD AT NEW YORK.—CENTS PER POUND.

	1877.	1878.	1879.	1880.
January.....	6 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	6
February.....	6 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	6
March.....	6 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	6
April.....	6 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	6
May.....	6 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	6
June.....	6 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	6
July.....	6 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	6
August.....	6 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	6
September.....	6 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	6
October.....	6 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	6
November.....	6 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	6
December.....	6 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	6

Spelter.

This metal has been unfavorably situated throughout the year. At first an attempt was made in Europe to control it by means of a combination of leading producers, but when these perceived that early in spring all metals displayed great weakness through the disappointment of speculators, who had in vain attempted, in January and February, to inaugurate a general advance, they abandoned the idea of artificially upholding the metal in the face of an exuberant production which consumption could hardly cope with. Spelter had thus been placed in an unfavorable position from the very commencement in Europe. While the year advanced, it was seen that the consumptive demand on the Continent did not come up to even moderate expectations, while production, especially in Silesia, was larger than ever. To this must be added an unfavorable change in commercial relations between Prussian Silesia and Russia, the latter country ceasing, in consequence of high protective duties, to take Silesian Sheet Zinc, which it was wont to draw largely from that part of Germany. While this was the case, Spelter and Zinc production developed in Poland, and Germany thus lost at one blow an important customer, as nowhere else in Europe the output of Spelter received the least check. It was bound to decline in value still further, unless speculation came to the rescue, which has not been the case. Our own market did not, of course, escape these untoward influences, and the result has been a dreary state of affairs here, which it is painful to follow in its uninteresting details. We, therefore, merely place on record the course of prices as compared with former years:

LOWEST AND HIGHEST PRICE OF COMMON SPELTER.—CENTS PER POUND.

	1878.	1879.	1880.
January.....	5 1/2 @ 6	4 1/2 @ 4 1/2	6 @ 6 1/2
February.....	5 1/2 @ 6	4 1/2 @ 4 1/2	6 @ 6 1/2
March.....	5 1/2 @ 6	4 1/2 @ 4 1/2	6 @ 6 1/2
April.....	5 1/2 @ 6	4 1/2 @ 4 1/2	6 @ 6 1/2
May.....	5 1/2 @ 6	4 1/2 @ 4 1/2	6 @ 6 1/2
June.....	5 1/2 @ 6	4 1/2 @ 4 1/2	6 @ 6 1/2
July.....	5 1/2 @ 6	4 1/2 @ 4 1/2	6 @ 6 1/2
August.....	5 1/2 @ 6	4 1/2 @ 4 1/2	6 @ 6 1/2
September.....	5 1/2 @ 6	4 1/2 @ 4 1/2	6 @ 6 1/2
October.....	5 1/2 @ 6	4 1/2 @ 4 1/2	6 @ 6 1/2
November.....	5 1/2 @ 6	4 1/2 @ 4 1/2	6 @ 6 1/2
December.....	5 1/2 @ 6	4 1/2 @ 4 1/2	6 @ 6 1/2

Tin Plates.

Consumption of this article in this country has increased at such an extraordinary rate of late years, and in 1880 in particular, that makers in Wales have been latterly less at a loss where to place their large production. As there is, however, a limit to everything, they and the speculators in Tin Plates, after driving up prices to an extraordinary figure early in the year, in anticipation of this large American demand and in view of the advance in Tin, soon found that these extreme rates could not be sustained, and a gradual decline set in, finally establishing a basis upon which consumption here was able to expand steadily. The year opened, for ordinary brands, as follows: Charcoal Bright, \$8.37 1/2; ditto Ternes, \$7.37 1/2; Coke Tin, \$12.43 1/2; and ditto Ternes, \$7.37 1/2, and in Liverpool at 28/6 for Coke Tin. The latter soon attained 34/, which could not be sustained, and it gave way to 32/ in February and to 28/ in March. After reaching \$10 @ \$10.25 with Charcoal Bright in February here, other sorts in proportion, we receded to \$9.75 in March. In April the demand here abated very materially; Liverpool gave way to 17/, and declined about \$1.62 1/2 per box. A still further depreciation occurred in our markets in May, depressing Charcoal Bright to \$7 @ \$7.50, other sorts in proportion, when at length a vigorous rebound set in, which

restored the quotation for Coke Tin to 20/ in England and steadied our market for the moment. The demand here in Zinc was, however, but moderate, and prices in England were not upheld. Quotations here were, therefore, but ill sustained, and another decline of 50¢ ensued, which caused the market to close: Charcoal Bright, \$6.50 @ \$6.75; ditto Ternes, \$5.75; Coke Tin, \$5.12 1/2 @ \$5.50; and ditto Ternes, \$5 @ \$5.25. July was again a rather dull month, and the improvement in England from 15/6 @ 16/6 with Coke Tin had no effect on prices here, which closed: Charcoal Bright, \$6.50; ditto Ternes, \$5.62 1/2 @ \$5.87 1/2; Coke Tin, \$5.25 @ \$5.37 1/2; and ditto Ternes, \$5 @ \$5.25. In August an improved demand at length made itself felt in our market, consumers bought steadily and even largely till about the close, when the takings slackened. Shipments this way during the first 7 months had been 93,991 tons, against 81,860 in 1879. Meanwhile the available supply here had been materially reduced. Prices remained steady, closing for the month: Charcoal Bright, \$6.50; ditto Ternes, \$6; Coke Tin, \$5.37 1/2; and ditto Ternes, \$5.25. In September, consumers, in view of the approaching end of the season, began to operate with greater caution, expecting a decline, and prices finally receded about 25¢ per box, closing: Charcoal Bright, \$6.25 @ \$6.37 1/2; ditto Ternes, \$5.62 1/2 @ \$5.75; Coke Tin, \$5.12 1/2 @ \$5.25; and ditto Ternes, \$5 @ \$5.12 1/2. October showed but a moderate degree of animation, except in lots afloat, of which some large lines were taken at a slight advance. Available parcels declined during the month 12 1/2¢ per box, and closed: Charcoal Bright, \$6.12 1/2 @ \$6.25; ditto Ternes, \$5.37 1/2; Coke Tin, \$4.87 1/2 @

\$5; and ditto Ternes, \$4.87 1/2. The comparative scarcity of Coke Tin caused an advance in this species in November, while the remaining kinds varied but little, and the general market, although not very active, remained in a satisfactory condition, prices closing: Charcoal Bright, \$6.00 @ \$6.25; ditto Ternes, \$5.37 1/2 @ \$5.50; Coke Tin, \$4.87 1/2 @ \$5.12 1/2, and ditto Ternes, \$5.25. In December, considering the season, the consumptive demand remains tolerably brisk, but the dealings in large lots were restricted; prices finally gave way to about 25¢ per box.

AVERAGE PRICE OF TIN PLATES (ORDINARY BRANDS) AT NEW YORK ON THE 1ST OF EACH MONTH, 1879 AND 1880.

1879.		1880.	
January.....	\$5.33	July.....	\$5.50
February.....	5.70	August.....	5.40
March.....	5.75	September.....	5.37
April.....	5.67	October.....	6.66
May.....	5.66	November.....	7.28
June.....	5.43	December.....	7.11

PREVIOUS PRICES.

July 1, 1874.....	\$8.71	February 28, 1878..	\$5.66
April 28, 1876.....	6.58	March 31, 1878.....	5.66
May 5, 1877.....	5.97	April 30, 1878.....	5.72
September 7, 1877..	6.00	May 31, 1878.....	5.37
October 19, 1877...	5.97	June 15, 1878.....	5.35
December 20, 1877..	5.85	July 15, 1878.....	5.33
December 31, 1877..	5.77	October 3, 1878....	5.18
January 1, 1878.....	5.75	December 18, 1878..	5.28

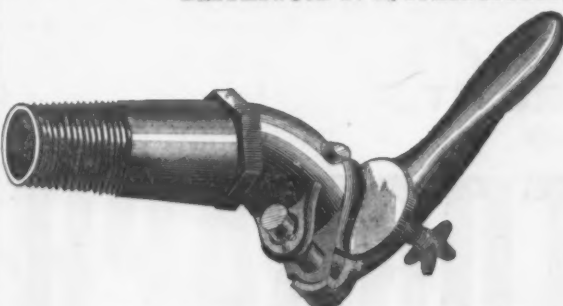
The foregoing tables show that on February 1, 1880, we had temporarily recovered the high ruling of July 1, 1874.

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GENTLEMEN: After a trial of eighteen months of your "DE-OXYDIZED BRONZE" as Journal Boxes in our Rolling Mill, where great pressure is required, we take pleasure in recommending it as being superior to any we have heretofore used. Very truly,  
HENRY DISSTON & SONS.

Office of Eagle Iron Works, 1162 North Third Street,  
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PHILADELPHIA, August 29, 1879.  
GENTLEMEN: In reply to yours of the 28th inst., we beg to say that we have been using your "DE-OXYDIZED BRONZE" for over a year, and have found it better than any composition boxes we have used; and as long as

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Yours respectfully,  
HOFF, FONTAINE & ABBOTT.

Office of Union Brass Manufacturing Company,  
CHICAGO, Dec. 23, 1880.

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From **Witherby, Rugg & Richardson, Worcester, Mass.,**  
Manufacturers of Wood Working Machinery.

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Send us 1000 pounds "Genuine Babbitt" divided into Bars as usual. We think the continuance of our trade with you in the face of the constant effort made by other parties to divert our patronage, is a sufficient recommendation of your goods. We speed some journals as high as 6000.  
Yours truly,  
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All our Metals are made from best **Lake Copper**, **Asiatic Tin**, **Cookson's Antimony** and best **Refined Lead**, and in all cases run free at melting heat, without dressing, and without any necessity for heating the journals into which they are poured.

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## Tin.

The unexpectedly large quantity of Tin absorbed in the United States in 1879, some 5000 tons, powerfully contributed to revive early in the year speculation for a rise both in Europe and on this side, the more so as there was every indication in January that this American consumption would not soon abate. The consequence was a decidedly upward tendency from the very commencement in this market, notwithstanding the liberal arrivals of 47,149 slabs in all the month. Straits Tin was thus carried from 21 1/2¢ @ 24 1/2¢ here, and from £92 @ £100 in London. In February less favorable views began to prevail, and a feeling of indifference soon pervaded the markets, precipitating a slow, but uninterrupted decline. At ruling high prices consumers were by no means inclined to anticipate their wants, and as they were sufficiently stocked for the moment, speculators were left to sustain rates single handed at a range of value little justified by the real position of the metal. Actual arrivals were limited to some 250 tons, but the cable announced large shipments this way from the Straits which would drop into our dull season, a prospect by no means encouraging. The consequence of this state of affairs was a gradual weakening and a return from 24¢ at the opening in February, to 23 1/4¢ at the close. London, meanwhile, gave way from £98 @ £93 with Straits Tin. During the first two months of the year the statistical position of Tin in the United States had shaped as follows: Stocks here and in Boston, January 1, 1880, were estimated at 2500 tons; the receipts in January and February were about 52,000 slabs Straits, 14,000 ingots Australian and 18,000 slabs Billiton, footing up, together with some English and Banca imports, about 4500 tons, and constituting a joint supply of 7000 tons; while a very liberal estimate placed the consumption in January and February at, altogether, 2000 tons, leaving, on March 1, an available stock of 5000 tons, and adding thereto the amounts afloat, the visible supply actually reached some 8500 tons. At the same time, it was learned that production in Tasmania was developing on a very liberal scale, and that 1000 tons Australian Tin, believed to have gone into consumption on the Continent, had been returned to London, all of which impressed most unfavorably not only the London and Dutch markets, but also our own, so much so that a gradual decline set in simultaneously on both sides, carrying London back from £93 to £86, and New York from 22 1/2¢ to 20 1/2¢. Sales here did not exceed, in all March, 400 tons, while the March shipments from the Straits alone this way amounted to 500 tons. These facts caused great demoralization in our market in April, stocks accumulating in store all the time, so that Straits Tin receded, in the course of the month, from 20 1/2¢ to 18 1/4¢. The total arrivals summed up some 50,000 slabs, while sales did not exceed 400 tons. May opened with a depressed feeling, particularly also in Europe, caused there not so much by the statistical position—which, instead of getting worse, was, on the contrary, improving—but by a general decline in metals, affecting Tin with the rest. For a few days Tin resisted this indirect influence in the London market, and kept fluctuating between £84 and £77, but it finally gave way and dropped to £76, when it became known there that we had dropped from 18 1/4¢ to 16¢ with Straits, and that Billiton had been forced off as low as 15¢. The arrivals here figured up in May to some 18,000 slabs and the sales about 300 tons. Both the European and American markets were now evidently ripe for a vigorous rebound from a reaction which had evidently been carrying the price of Tin below its intrinsic value. During the fore part of June a speculative movement was, consequently, set on foot in Boston, which, when it became known, at first created a good deal of confusion and irregularity in the market. Straits Tin for a moment had dropped at New York to 15¢, and immediately rebounded to 15 1/4¢, being carried, in the course of the month, to 18¢ @ 18 1/2¢, while London, upon this news, recovered, in less time even, £15 1/2 ton. In June, when this movement was inaugurated, the visible supply on this side was still 4640 tons, the arrivals during May having been 1300 tons. Sales in June amounted to 1000 tons and 100 tons were returned to Europe. In spite of the summer dullness of July there was no relaxation in speculation in Tin on both sides, London advancing in the course of the month another £10, and New York from 18 1/4¢ @ 21 1/4¢, some 1500 tons changing hands in this market. The general advance in Tin of 40¢ since the middle of June, however, created a feeling of great caution among consumers, and to a notable degree affected their takings; this, however, did not prevent the metal from closing with considerable firmness for the month. Hesitation on the part of consumers to take hold rather increased in August. Opening at 21 1/4¢, the price thus weakened during the month and closed at 21¢. Estimates of consumption were reduced for the month from 1200 tons to 1000, and even this was deemed too large. Deliveries in England and Holland during the first 7 months were put at 11,700 tons, against 12,230 tons during the corresponding period of the previous year, but the statistical position there was favorable enough to uphold the advance established. Still it became evident that the recovery of a remunerative price would attract shipments in increasing quantities both to Europe and America, and that nothing would sustain prices except large deliveries in the fall or another resort to speculative upholstering. Under the prevalence of this sentiment consumers only operated in all September from hand-to-mouth, while speculators withdrew for the moment altogether, causing weakness and a revival from 20 1/4¢ at the opening to 20¢ at the close. In London and Holland a similar feeling ruled the markets. It was shown that the United States had imported during the first 7 months no less than 9533 tons of Tin, against 4776 tons during the same time in 1879. While importation had thus doubled, the average monthly consumption for this period was estimated not to have exceeded 1362 tons. News from Australia announced at the same time a vigorous resumption of production at the antipodes.

The stock at the commencement of September on this coast proved to be 1800 tons, with 1900 tons afloat. In October it was shown that during the first 8 months we had imported 10,205 tons of Tin, against 7585 in 1879; our supply had therefore been about 1200 tons per month, the maximum of estimated consumption. Sales in October not going beyond 1000 tons at 19 1/2¢ @ 20 1/2¢, the market, in the absence of all redeeming features on this side, became quite flat and closed at 19 1/2¢. The presidential election at the same time approaching, little interest began to be felt in the metal. In Europe, on the contrary, activity was kept up and seemed to prepare a speedy revival even in speculation for a rise. In November, Europe, indeed, launched out again and did not fail to electrify the American markets likewise, causing to be done a large business here, some 2000 tons changing hands at 19 1/2¢ @ 21 1/4¢. In December the speculation for a rise in Tin seemed to have spent itself, and the price gradually receded from 21 3/8¢ to 19 1/4¢; in England to £91. Straits on the other side showed the following results for 11 months:

	During first 11 months	
Shipments from Straits to London, tons.....	1880. 1,809	1879. 1,895
Shipments from Australia to London, tons.....	2,155	3,430
Deliveries of tin in London, tons.....	6,048	6,781
Deliveries of tin in London and Holland, tons.....	12,092	12,361
Deliveries of tin in London and Holland, tons.....	19,210	19,731
PRICES OF BANCA TIN IN HOLLAND SINCE 1872, IN		
GUILDERS, PER 50 KILOS.		

PRICES OF BANCA TIN IN HOLLAND SINCE 1872, IN GUILDERES, PER 50 KILOS.

	1873.	1874.	1875.	1876.	1877.	1878.	1879.	1880.
Jan. 1.	85 1/2	70	57 1/2	50	45	40 1/2	38 1/2	54 1/2
Feb. 1.	87 1/2	70	57 1/2	50	45	40 1/2	38 1/2	54 1/2
Mar. 1.	84	62	54	50 1/2	43 1/2	40	36 1/2	54 1/2
Apr. 1.	87	53	51 1/2	50	42 1/2	40	43	54 1/2
May 1.	84	57	50 1/2	49	42 1/2	39 1/2	40 1/2	54 1/2
June 1.	80	58 1/2	50	45 1/2	42 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2	54 1/2
July 1.	83 1/2	50	50 1/2	46 1/2	42 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2	54 1/2
Aug. 1.	79 1/2	50 1/2	48 1/2	44	41 1/2	39 1/2	38 1/2	54 1/2
Sept. 1.	79	57	51	43	40 1/2	37 1/2	41 1/2	54 1/2
Oct. 1.	74 1/2	50 1/2	52 1/2	42 1/2	40 1/2	35 1/2	45	52
Nov. 1.	72 1/2	51	52 1/2	44 1/2	43 1/2	37 1/2	37	54 1/2
Dec. 1.	67 1/2	58 1/2	51	44 1/2	41 1/2	37	36	54 1/2

The following shows the course of prices at New York:

STRAITS TIN.			
Sept. 1.	20 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2
Oct. 1.	20 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2
Nov. 1.	20 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2
Dec. 1.	20 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2
Jan. 1.	20 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2
Feb. 1.	20 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2
Mar. 1.	20 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2
Apr. 1.	20 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2
May 1.	20 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2
June 1.	20 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2
July 1.	20 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2
Aug. 1.	20 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2
Sept. 1.	20 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2
Oct. 1.	20 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2
Nov. 1.	20 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2
Dec. 1.	20 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2

## Lead.

The month of January found our Lead market in an unexcited condition, being but moderately active at 6¢ @ 6 1/2¢, Common Domestic sales summing up 2000 tons, for the most part at 6¢. Some arrivals from England and Spain were placed without difficulty, some more still being expected. An advancing market in Europe lent support to holders here. Although in February sales were restricted to 600 tons at \$5.95 @ \$6, a firm feeling prevailed, the general opinion being that the approaching spring trade would prove an active one in this metal, and that the large consumption in 1879 would be fully kept up. March opened with an unusually light stock here of only about 700 tons, against 8000 tons the year before, but some foreign Lead being offered early in the month as low as \$5.80, great irregularity seized upon the market, some 1500 tons of Common Domestic selling from \$5.95 down to 5 1/2¢, at which it closed. News reached us from Spain that, in consequence of more remunerative prices ruling, production had begun to expand considerably in that quarter. In April accounts were received from London to the effect that a syndicate had been formed for the purpose of upholding the price of the metal on the other side, and the market here was stirred up somewhat from its apathy. The stronger feeling thus engendered was doomed, however, to be but short lived, for soon after the cable informed us that the speculation had not been set on foot, the proposed syndicate not having come to an agreement. This failure to support prices on the other side had a demoralizing effect here, the more so as the consumptive demand proved to be feeble. The fact is that at this time Spanish production was statistically shown to have been 80,000 tons in 1879, being 10,000 tons in excess of 1878, and that of Germany 73,000 tons, being 3¢ greater than in 1878. Sales for the month here were limited to 1200 tons from 5 1/2¢ down to \$5.45. The spring trade in this country had not come up to expectations, and the prospect ahead was not of the brightest; the month, therefore, closed with considerable weakness. This dull feeling continued during May, carrying down the price from \$5.15 to 4 1/4¢, notwithstanding the scarcity of ore and high price of it reported from Leadville. Aggregate sales in May in this market did not exceed 500 tons, in small lots. In June, news reached us of the labor difficulties at Leadville, and as the stock here was only 2500 tons, against 4000 tons in January, after importing some 2000 tons, more favorable views were entertained and greater firmness was exhibited by holders. Although sales in June were restricted to 500 tons at 4 1/2¢ @ 4 3/4¢, the closing price was slightly better, being 4 1/2¢ @ 5¢. The month of July fully justified expectations of an increasing trade, leading as it did to sales of together some 1500 to 2000 tons at 4 1/2¢, unaccompanied by excitement and speculation. Opening at 4 1/2¢, the demand increased as soon as concessions were made, consumers resolutely taking hold of the metal at the decline, preferring to lay in supplies during a quiet month rather than run the chance of having to pay more in an active one. While this happened here, producers in the interior did not press their Lead for sale, the entire aspect thus becoming an eminently sound and reassuring one, without holding out prospects of any very extraordinary advance. August fulfilled all that had been expected of it in the way of liveliness, leading to sales of 2500 tons Common and 1000 tons Refined Lead. First sales during the month had been effected at 4 1/2¢, but as the demand developed a gradual appreciation took place, raising the price toward the close to 5¢. The market meanwhile remained unexcited, and the dealings

thus betokened great soundness, leading to the best hopes for the remainder of the campaign. While this was the case on this side, the European aspect also improved, recovering from the late prostration. Confidence was thus restored on both sides the Atlantic, without the intervention of the speculative element usually so precarious in this particular metal. September did not distinguish itself by much activity, sales being confined to 1500 tons of Common Lead, but the market, nevertheless, maintained its firmness, principal holders persevering in their attitude of stiffness and confidence. Prices varied very little from 4 1/2¢, which was also the closing figure. Refined remained inactive, but as White Lead manufacturers were known to be lightly stocked, and, therefore, likely soon to resume purchases on a more extensive scale, prices remained well supported. In October holders of Common Lead deemed it more prudent to meet the market unhesitatingly and make liberal concessions. This provoked an active demand on the part of consumers, who were thus able to secure some 3000 tons in the course of the month, at \$4.65 the greater portion of it. Toward the close of the month the price recovered to 4 1/4¢. It was evident that at this range of value consumption was able to expand satisfactorily, and as the season was too far advanced to encourage any attempt at speculation, there was every appearance that we should reach the end of the campaign without undue fluctuation. Lead producers thus had the satisfaction of perceiving, when November was at hand, that throughout the year consumption had developed freely at rates acceptable to both parties, while allowing production to expand unhampered at its ordinary rate of progress. There had been no interference on the part of speculation, and violent fluctuations, so detrimental to legitimate trade, had been avoided. Sales in November were restricted to 1500 tons at \$4.80 @ \$4.85, but leaving, nevertheless, but comparatively light stocks at the seaports. In December the market became excessively dull and developed great weakness, the absence of demand carrying down the price by degrees from 4 1/4¢ @ 4 1/2¢ for Common Domestic, closing at the latter figure.

PRICE OF COMMON DOMESTIC LEAD AT NEW YORK.—CENTS PER POUND.

	1877.	1878.	1879.	1880.
January	6 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	6
February	6 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	6
March	6 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	6
April	6 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	6
May	6 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	6
June	6 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	6
July	6 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	6
August	6 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	6
September	6 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	6
October	6 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	6
November	6 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	6
December	6 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	6

## Spelter.

This metal has been unfavorably situated throughout the year. At first an attempt was made in Europe to control it by means of a combination of leading producers, but when these perceived that early in spring all metals displayed great weakness through the disappointment of speculators, who had in vain attempted, in January and February, to inaugurate a general advance, they abandoned the idea of artificially upholding the metal in the face of an exuberant production which consumption could hardly cope with. Spelter had thus been placed in an unfavorable position from the very commencement in Europe. While the year advanced, it was seen that the consumptive demand on the Continent did not come up to even moderate expectations, while production, especially in Silesia, was larger than over. To this must be added an unfavorable change in commercial relations between Prussian Silesia and Russia, the latter country ceasing, in consequence of high protective duties, to take Silesian Sheet Zinc, which it was wont to draw largely from that part of Germany. While this was the case, Spelter and Zinc production developed in Poland, and Germany thus lost at one blow an important customer, as nowhere else in Europe the output of Spelter received the least check. It was bound to decline in value still further, unless speculation came to the rescue, which has not been the case. Our own market did not, of course, escape these untoward influences, and the result has been a dreary state of affairs here, which it is painful to follow in its uninteresting details. We, therefore, merely place on record the course of prices as compared with former years:

LOWEST AND HIGHEST PRICE OF COMMON SPELTER.—CENTS PER POUND.

	1878.	1879.	1880.
January	5 1/2	4 1/2	6 1/2
February	5 1/2	4 1/2	6 1/2
March	5 1/2	4 1/2	6 1/2
April	5 1/2	4 1/2	6 1/2
May	4 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2
June	4 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2
July	4 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2
August	4 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2
September	4 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2
October	4 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2
November	4 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2
December	4 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2

## Tin Plates.

Consumption of this article in this country has increased at such an extraordinary rate of late years, and in 1880 in particular, that makers in Wales have been latterly less at a loss where to place their large production. As there is, however, a limit to everything, they and the speculators in Tin Plates, after driving up prices to an extraordinary figure early in the year, in anticipation of this large American demand and in view of the advance in Tin, soon found that these extreme rates could not be sustained, and a gradual decline set in, finally establishing a basis upon which consumption here was able to expand steadily. The year opened, for ordinary brands, as follows: Charcoal Bright, \$8.37 1/2; ditto Ternes, \$7.37 1/2; Coke Tin, \$7.43 1/2; and ditto Ternes, \$7.37 1/2, and in Liverpool at 28/6 for Coke Tin. The latter soon attained 34/ which could not be sustained, and it gave way to 32/ in February and to 28/ in March. After reaching \$10 @ \$10.25 with Charcoal Bright in February here, other sorts in proportion, we receded to \$9.75 in March. In April the demand here abated very materially; Liverpool gave way to 17/ and declined about \$1.62 1/2 per box. A still further depreciation occurred in our markets in May, depressing Charcoal Bright to \$7 @ \$7.50, other sorts in proportion, when at length a vigorous rebound set in, which

restored the quotation for Coke Tin to 20/ in England and steadied our market for the moment. The demand here in Zinc was, however, but moderate, and prices in England were not upheld. Quotations here were, therefore, but ill sustained, and another decline of 50¢ ensued, which caused the market to close: Charcoal Bright, \$6.50 @ \$6.75; ditto Ternes, \$5.75; Coke Tin, \$5.12 1/2 @ \$5.50; and ditto Ternes, \$5 @ \$5.25. July was again a rather dull month, and the improvement in England from 15/6 @ 16/6 with Coke Tin had no effect on prices here, which closed: Charcoal Bright, \$6.50; ditto Ternes, \$5.62 1/2 @ \$5.87 1/2; Coke Tin, \$5.25 @ \$5.37 1/2; and ditto Ternes, \$5 @ \$5.25. In August an improved demand at length made itself felt in our market, consumers bought steadily and even largely till about the close, when the takings slackened. Shipments this way during the first 7 months had been 93,991 tons, against 81,860 in 1879. Meanwhile the available supply here had been materially reduced. Prices remained steady, closing for the month: Charcoal Bright, \$6.50; ditto Ternes, \$6; Coke Tin, \$5.37 1/2; and ditto Ternes, \$5.25. In September, consumers, in view of the approaching end of the season, began to operate with greater caution, expecting a decline, and prices finally receded about 25¢ per box, closing: Charcoal Bright, \$6.25 @ \$6.37 1/2; ditto Ternes, \$5.62 1/2 @ \$5.75; Coke Tin, \$5.12 1/2 @ \$5.25; and ditto Ternes, \$5 @ \$5.12 1/2. October showed but a moderate degree of animation, except in lots afloat, of which some large lines were taken at a slight advance. Available parcels declined during the month 12 1/2¢ per box, and closed: Charcoal Bright, \$6.12 1/2 @ \$6.25; ditto Ternes, \$5.37 1/2; Coke Tin, \$4.87 1/2 @

\$5; and ditto Ternes, \$4.87 1/2. The comparative scarcity of Coke Tin caused an advance in this species in November, while the remaining kinds varied but little, and the general market, although not very active, remained in a satisfactory condition, prices closing: Charcoal Bright, \$6.00 @ \$6.25; ditto Ternes, \$5.37 1/2 @ \$5.50; Coke Tin, \$4.87 1/2 @ \$5.12 1/2, and ditto Ternes, \$5.25. In December, considering the season, the consumptive demand remains tolerably brisk, but the dealings in large lots were restricted; prices finally gave way to about 25¢ per box.

AVERAGE PRICE OF TIN PLATES (ORDINARY BRANDS) AT NEW YORK ON THE 1ST OF EACH MONTH, 1879 AND 1880.

1879.		1880.	
January	\$5.33	July	\$5.50
February	5.70	August	5.40
March	5.75	September	5.37
April	5.67	October	6.66
May	5.66	November	7.48
June	5.43	December	7.11

## PREVIOUS PRICES.

1874.		1875.		1876.		1877.		1878.		1879.		1880.	
July 1, 1874	\$8.71	July 1, 1875	\$8.71	July 1, 1876	\$8.71	July 1, 1877	\$8.71	July 1, 1878	\$8.71	July 1, 1879	\$8.71	July 1, 1880	\$8.71
April 1, 1874	6.38	April 1, 1875	6.38	April 1, 1876	6.38	April 1, 1877	6.38	April 1, 1878	6.38	April 1, 1879	6.38	April 1, 1880	6.38
May 1, 1874	5.97	May 1, 1875	5.97	May 1, 1876	5.97	May 1, 1877	5.97	May 1, 1878	5.97	May 1, 1879	5.97	May 1, 1880	5.97
September 7, 1874	6.00	September 7, 1875	6.00	September 7, 1876	6.00	September 7, 1877	6.00	September 7, 1878	6.00	September 7, 1879	6.00	September 7, 1880	6.00
October 10, 1874	5.07	October 10, 1875	5.07	October 10, 1876	5.07	October 10, 1877	5.07	October 10, 1878	5.07	October 10, 1879	5.07	October 10, 1880	5.07
December 30, 1874	5.85	December 30, 1875	5.85	December 30, 1876	5.85	December 30, 1877	5.85	December 30, 1878	5.85	December 30, 1879	5.85	December 30, 1880	5.85
January 1, 1875	5.77	January 1, 1876	5.77	January 1, 1877	5.77	January 1, 1878	5.77	January 1, 1879	5.77	January 1, 1880	5.77	January 1, 1881	5.77

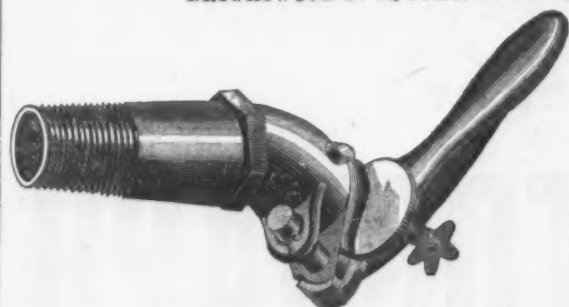
The foregoing tables show that on February 1, 1880, we had temporarily recovered the high ruling of July 1, 1874.

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Thus the necessity and trouble of shipping patterns, the delay in receiving castings and the expense of the double charges of freight or express, such as attend the obtaining, in many cases, of Phosphor Bronze, are entirely avoided by ordering **D. O. B. in ingots**. Where this metal has superseded other compositions of similar character, it has **endured three times as long**. In a word, we claim that **De-Oxydized Bronze** not only has none of the objectionable features attributed to similar compositions, but that it possesses all their good qualities in addition to its own merits, and advantages peculiar to itself, such as the following summary will make clear:

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2. We claim for it **SUPERIOR ANTI-FRICTION QUALITIES** to any other known Brass or Bronze.
3. **GREAT MALLEABILITY AND TENACITY.**
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**Henry Disston & Sons, Saw, Tool, Steel and File Works, Front and Laurel Streets, Philadelphia Smelting Company, City:**

PHILADELPHIA, October 4, 1879.  
GENTLEMEN: After a trial of eighteen months of your "DE-OXYDIZED BRONZE" as Journal Boxes in our Rolling Mill, where great pressure is required, we take pleasure in recommending it as being superior to any we have heretofore used. Very truly,

Office of Eagle Iron Works, 1162 North Third Street,

Philadelphia Smelting Company:

PHILADELPHIA, August 29, 1879.  
GENTLEMEN: In reply to yours of the 28th inst., we beg to say that we have been using your "DE-OXYDIZED BRONZE" for over a year, and have found it better than any composition boxes we have used; and as long as

you continue to make it the same quality, we shall use no other metal in our Engine Boxes. We therefore take pleasure in recommending it to Engine Builders in general.

Yours respectfully,

HOFF, FONTAINE & ABBOTT.

Office of Union Brass Manufacturing Company,

CHICAGO, Dec. 23, 1880.

Philadelphia Smelting Company, Limited, Twelfth and Noble Streets, Philadelphia, Pa.

DEAR SIR: In reply to your inquiry of yesterday as to our opinion of "DE-OXYDIZED BRONZE" for Railway Coach Trimmings, I beg to submit that we have used it up to present writing for the trimming of something over 100 coaches. One marked peculiarity of this metal, when highly finished, is non-liability to abrasion, and its non-affinity with the gases of the atmosphere, which in embossed work is a great desideratum. To those willing to pay more in the first cost, we would confidently recommend "DE-OXYDIZED BRONZE" Trimmings as cheaper in the end.

Yours very truly,

J. HALL DOW, President.

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AUGUST 17, 1880.  
The "Genuine Babbitt" we have bought from you gives perfect satisfaction in our Stone Breakers. We have it working in bearings 12 in. long and 5 in. diameter. One-half the revolution of shaft there is a pressure of 900 tons. The other half 2½ tons. The shaft makes from 200 to 250 turns per minute. I think this is a very severe test, yet they have been running for more than one year.

From **Witherby, Rugg & Richardson, Worcester, Mass.,**  
Manufacturers of Wood Working Machinery.

NOVEMBER 20, 1880.  
Send us 1000 pounds "Genuine Babbitt" divided into Bars as usual. We think the continuance of our trade with you in the face of the constant effort made by other parties to divert our patronage, is a sufficient recommendation of your goods. We speed some journals as high as 6000.

Yours truly,

WITHERBY, RUGG & RICHARDSON.

From this it will be seen that it can have no superior, or even equal, as an **Anti-Friction Metal** in anything manufactured. We make besides all grades of **Anti-Friction Metals**,

Letter A, Guaranteed at a speed of 2000.  
Letter D, Used for Shafting.

Letter B, Guaranteed at a speed of 1000.  
Letter E, Used for Ag'l Implements, &c.

Letter C, Guaranteed at a speed of 800.  
Letter A L, For slow speed.

All our Metals are made from best **Lake Copper**, **Asiatic Tin**, **Cookson's Antimony** and best **Refined Lead**, and in all cases run free at melting heat, without drossing, and without any necessity for heating the journals into which they are poured.

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# Trade Report.

Office of THE IRON AGE,  
WEDNESDAY EVENING, January 5, 1881.

During the past week the financial markets have been active. All classes of securities were strong, with a buoyant tendency until Monday, when the bears got at their work, and there was a sharp downward reaction in the stock market. The local money market has been very firm, call loans ranging from 4% to 6%, and a commission of 1-16th % per day.

The importations of specie and bullion at this port during the week ending December 30, inclusive, were \$2,125,225, consisting of \$1,878,134 in gold and \$247,091 in silver, as against a total of \$407,753 for the week ending January 3, last year. The importations since the 1st of January and since the 1st of August compare as follows with the movement during the corresponding periods last year:

	Since Jan. 1 to Dec. 30, 1880.	1879.
Gold.....	\$68,732,472	\$75,852,697
Silver.....	\$5,555,116	\$3,171,067
Total.....	\$74,287,588	\$79,023,764
	Since August 1, 1880.	1879.
Gold.....	\$66,758,105	\$75,027,972
Silver.....	\$4,650,510	\$2,977,514
Total.....	\$71,408,615	\$78,005,486

Government bonds have been strong and 1/8 higher. State bonds are steady. Railroad mortgages are strong and in good demand, prices advancing 1/2 % @ 6%, part of which was subsequently lost. We give below the closing quotations of governments.

The State markets opened strong and continued an upward course, as noted, until the collapse on Monday. Part of the rapid decline on that day was subsequently recovered. The principal dealings have been in Western Union, Erie, Lake Shore, New Jersey Central, New York Central, D. L. & W., Union Pacific, Wabash and Pacific Mail. We give below the quotations of stocks on the active list at the close of business to-day.

The bank statement makes the following comparison of aggregate averages for the past two weeks:

	Dec. 24.	Dec. 31.	Comparison.
Loans.....	\$94,417,900	\$97,750,700	Inc. \$3,332,800
Specie.....	57,085,000	58,047,000	Inc. 962,000
Legal T'nd Rs.	13,300,000	12,796,000	Dec. 504,000
Total reserve.	70,385,000	70,843,000	Inc. 457,000
Deposits.....	267,066,000	274,466,900	Inc. 7,400,900
Reserve re-quired.....	66,767,000	68,117,725	Inc. 1,350,725
Surplus.....	3,019,000	2,727,775	Dec. 291,225
Circulation.....	18,431,400	18,408,200	Dec. 23,200

For the week ending December 31:

	1878.	1879.	1880.
Total for week.....	\$5,504,356	\$8,390,830	\$5,016,291
Prev. reported.....	251,155,780	339,401,862	406,037,085

Since Jan. 1.....\$26,880,144 \$30,092,692 \$471,053,341

Included in the imports of goods were articles valued as follows:

	Quantity.	Value.
Brass goods.....	26	\$3,301
Bismuth.....	8	7,341
Bronzes.....	14	9,946
Chains and anchors.....	30	550
Copper.....	12	12,796
Cutlery.....	60	19,493
Flint.....	3	553
Guns.....	82	13,212
Iron, pig, tons.....	10	552
Iron, sheet, tons.....	1,411	38,052
Iron, other, tons.....	11	1,064
Railroad bars.....	4,692	31,953
Iron ore, tons.....	738	8,111
Iron, other, tons.....	207	19,045
Metal goods.....	109	13,882
Nails.....	22	1,099
Needles.....	10	3,114
Old metal.....	1	4,807
Plated ware.....	1	1
Saddlery.....	10	1,640
Steel.....	15,423	75,391
Spelter.....	25	1,740
Silverware.....	109	19,493
Tin, boxes.....	19,493	87,409
Tin, 4,617 slabs; 458,890 lbs.....	1,842	13,081
Zinc.....	88,575	4,033

EXPORTS, EXCLUSIVE OF SPECIE.

For the week ending January 2:

	1878.	1879.	1880.
For the week.....	\$5,782,678	\$6,745,856	\$7,648,093
Prev. reported.....	341,128,200	346,507,874	406,037,085

Since Jan. 1.....\$26,880,144 \$30,092,692 \$471,053,341

Government bonds close strong at the following quotations:

	Bid.	Asked.
U. S. 6's 1880 registered.....	—	—
U. S. 6's 1880 coupon.....	101 1/2	101 3/4
U. S. 6's 1881 registered.....	101 1/2	101 3/4
U. S. 6's 1881 coupon.....	101 1/2	101 3/4
U. S. 5's 1881 registered.....	101 1/2	101 3/4
U. S. 5's 1881 coupon.....	101 1/2	101 3/4
U. S. 4's 1881 registered.....	101 1/2	101 3/4
U. S. 4's 1881 coupon.....	101 1/2	101 3/4
U. S. 4's 1882 registered.....	101 1/2	101 3/4
U. S. 4's 1882 coupon.....	101 1/2	101 3/4
U. S. 3's 1882 registered.....	101 1/2	101 3/4
U. S. 3's 1882 coupon.....	101 1/2	101 3/4
U. S. 3's 1883 registered.....	101 1/2	101 3/4
U. S. 3's 1883 coupon.....	101 1/2	101 3/4
U. S. 3's 1884 registered.....	101 1/2	101 3/4
U. S. 3's 1884 coupon.....	101 1/2	101 3/4
U. S. 3's 1885 registered.....	101 1/2	101 3/4
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U. S. 3's 1899 coupon.....	101 1/2	101 3/4
U. S. 3's 1900 registered.....	101 1/2	101 3/4
U. S. 3's 1900 coupon.....	101 1/2	101 3/4

The following were the closing quotations of active shares:

	Bid.	Asked.
Arizona.....	4 1/2	4 3/4
American District Telegraph.....	55	56
Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph.....	35	36
Barton and Terre Haute.....	49	50
Burlington and Quincy.....	180 1/2	181 1/2
Caribou.....	2	2 1/2
Canada Southern.....	7 1/2	7 3/4
Col. Chic. and Indiana Central.....	20 1/2	20 3/4
Chicago, St. Louis and New Orleans.....	40 1/2	40 3/4
Chesapeake and Ohio.....	23 1/2	23 3/4
Chicago and Alton.....	15 1/2	15 3/4
Delaware, Lack. and Western.....	108 1/2	108 3/4
Delaware & Hudson Canal.....	91 1/2	91 3/4
Express.....	113	114
Wells, Fargo & Co.....	62 1/2	63
American.....	52	53
United States.....	52	53
Excelsior Mining.....	48 1/2	48 3/4
Erie.....	97 1/2	97 3/4
Houston and Texas.....	60	61
Homestead.....	29 1/2	29 3/4
Hannibal and St. Joseph.....	47 1/2	47 3/4
Indianapolis, Bloom. and Western.....	51	51 1/2
Illinois Central.....	125 1/2	125 3/4
Kansas and Texas.....	42 1/2	42 3/4
Little Pittsburgh.....	2 1/2	2 3/4
Lake Shore.....	130 1/2	130 3/4
La Plata.....	9	9 1/2
Louisville and Nashville.....	39 1/2	39 3/4

Morris and Essex.....	120 1/2	121 1/2
Mobile and Ohio.....	21	21 1/2
Marquette and Cincinnati Pref.....	8 1/2	8 3/4
Manhattan Elevated.....	34	34 1/2
Michigan Central.....	121 1/2	121 3/4
Nash. and Chattanooga.....	70 1/2	70 3/4
Northern Pacific.....	33 1/2	33 3/4
New Central Coal.....	28 1/2	28 3/4
New Jersey Central.....	84 1/2	84 3/4
New York Central.....	150 1/2	150 3/4
Northwestern.....	125 1/2	125 3/4
Ontario Silver.....	33 1/2	33 3/4
Omaha.....	45 1/2	45 3/4
Ohio.....	96 1/2	96 3/4
Ohio Central.....	23 1/2	23 3/4
Panama.....	212	212 1/2
Quicksilver.....	12 1/2	12 3/4
Rock Island.....	137	137 1/2
Reading.....	55 1/2	55 3/4
Rome, Watertown & Og.....	20	20 1/2
Silver Cliff.....	35 1/2	35 3/4
St. Paul.....	110 1/2	110 3/4
St. Paul and Duluth.....	124 1/2	124 3/4
San Francisco.....	44 1/2	44 3/4
Union Pacific.....	110 1/2	110 3/4
Wabash and Pacific.....	43 1/2	43 3/4
Western Union.....	50 1/2	50 3/4
Iron Mountain.....	53 1/2	53 3/4
Erie and Western.....	40 1/2	40 3/4
Col. Chic. and Indianapolis.....	95 1/2	95 3/4
Denver and Rio Grande.....	85 1/2	85 3/4
Oregon Navigation.....	135 1/2	135 3/4
Texas Pacific.....	42 1/2	42 3/4
Colorado Coal.....	38 1/2	38 3/4
Central Pacific.....	91 1/2	91 3/4
New York Elevated.....	120 1/2	120 3/4
Ontario and Western.....	20 1/2	20 3/4
Metropolitan Elevated.....	108 1/2	108 3/4

MINING STOCKS.  
The following were the closing quotations of mining stocks:

	Bid.	Asked.
Amie.....	30	31
Alta Mont.....	1 1/2	1 3/4
American Flag.....	23	24
Bell Isle.....	43	44
Bechtel.....	20	21
Bonanza C.....	20	21
Buckeye.....	20	21
Bull Dog.....	3 1/2	3 3/4
Calaveras.....	10	11
California.....	20	21
Consolidated Virginia.....	2 1/2	2 3/4
Chrysolite.....	6 1/2	6 3/4
Cherokee.....	1 1/2	1 3/4
Dunderberg.....	60	61
Dahlgren.....	20	21
Durango.....	15	16
Eureka C.....	20	21
Fa. DeSmet.....	7 1/2	7 3/4
Great Eastern.....	20	21
Gold Strike.....	2 1/2	2 3/4
Goodshaw.....	1 1/2	1 3/4
G. Prize.....	1 1/2	1 3/4
Granville.....	4 1/2	4 3/4
Green Mountain.....	4 1/2	4 3/4
Hukill.....	1 1/2	1 3/4
Independence.....	25	26
Iron Silver.....	3 1/2	3 3/4
Lacrosse.....	1 1/2	1 3/4
La Plata.....	9 1/2	9 3/4
Lucerne.....	13	14
L. Chief.....	8 1/2	8 3/4
Little Pitts.....	2 1/2	2 3/4
Mariposa.....	65	66
Moose.....	1 1/2	1 3/4
Navajo.....	1 1/2	1 3/4
North Star.....	70	71
Red Star.....	47	48
S. Silver.....	34	35
Silver Cliff.....	3 1/2	3 3/4
Scorpion.....	20	21
Unadilla.....	11	12
Willshire.....	97	98

## OUR CHICAGO BRANCH OFFICE.

For the accommodation of the Western trade, we have opened a branch office in Chicago, at Nos. 36 and 38 Clark street, corner of Lake street. It is under the management of Mr. Henry Smith, who has been for many years connected with our New York publication office, and whom we cordially commend to our Western friends. The increasing importance of our interests in the district of which Chicago is the business center, renders the establishment of a branch office at that point a convenience to our customers and a necessity to us. As this branch is a part of our publication office, business conducted through it will be on precisely the same basis as with our New York office.

## GENERAL HARDWARE.

Business continues quiet, and little improvement is looked for before the latter end of this month or early in February. During the week some important trade meetings have been held, the result of which will be found below.

The demand for foreign Hardware is very light, but values are well sustained. Hermann Boker & Co. are in receipt of a cable dispatch announcing that the German government have increased the duty on pearl scales, the result of which will be an advance in the price of Pearl Pocket Knives of 5 @ 10 per cent.

The demand for Nails during the week was very light. We continue to quote red. to 60d., \$3 per keg, net, in small lots. Orders for 200 kegs and upward are subject to an allowance of 10 cents per keg.

The old firm of Heaton & Denckla, of Philadelphia, is dissolved by limitation, and the business will in future be conducted under the style of Heaton & Denckla Hardware Company. We take the following particulars regarding the old and the new firms from the North American of the 1st inst.:

The firm of Heaton & Denckla is dissolved by limitation. Augustus Heaton retires and C. Paul Denckla and C. Reuben Denckla continue as the Heaton & Denckla Hardware Company, hardware commission business, 507 Commerce and 510 North streets. Mr. Augustus Heaton, who now retires after a long and an honorable business career, brought to the office of this paper 40 years ago the notice of the establishment of a firm that in all the time that has since elapsed has never failed to meet an obligation. Such a record makes the more important the card from Mr. Heaton, in which he says: "In withdrawing from a firm that he established 40 years ago, the undersigned cannot but feel a profound regret at parting with the friends and correspondents with whom for so many years he has held the most kindly relations. This regret is miti-

gated to a degree, however, in the fact that he leaves behind him in the new firm of Heaton & Denckla Hardware Company, C. Paul and C. Reuben Denckla, who, brought up to the business under his immediate supervision, will continue to uphold for the standard of the new firm the same principles of integrity and good faith which actuated and controlled the firm of Heaton & Denckla in all of its transactions."

Oliver Ames & Sons' Corporation, North Easton, Mass., have reduced the prices of the following goods on their price list of July 1, 1880:

Nos. 112 to 127	10
Nos. 148 to 152, 30 cents per dozen.	10
Nos. 308 to 312	10
Nos. 730 to 752	10
Nos. 811 to 816, 75 cents per dozen.	10
Nos. 838 to 863	10

On and after the 3d instant they will allow on all of their goods a discount of 12 1/2 per cent. from list prices of July 1, 1880, and to all parties whose net purchases exceed \$500 in six months an extra discount of 7 1/2 per cent. will be allowed.

The Stanley Rule and Level Co. have issued the following discount sheet. The changes of importance are reductions in prices of Rules, Plumbs and Levels, Try Squares, Gauges and Bevels:

[Attach to our Price List of January, 1879.]  
DISCOUNT SHEET, STANLEY RULE AND LEVEL CO.,  
January 1, 1881.

Catalogue	Discount per cent.
51. Awl Hairs.....	40
51. Awls, Patent Pegging.....	40
51. Brad Awls, Handled.....	25
51. Bevels, Sliding T.....	50
51. Patent Flush, Europe.....	20
51. Box Scraper, Adjustable.....	20
51. Chalk-line Reels and Awls.....	25
51. Carpenters' Tool Handles.....	25
51. Cattle Ties.....	20
51. Counter-sinks, Wheeler's Patent.....	20
51. Dado, Filletster, Flow, &c., combined.....	20
51. Dado, Adjustable.....	20
51. 21 to 34, Gauges.....	20
51. Handles, Brad Awl.....	20
51. Handles, Plane.....	40
51. Handles, Saw.....	40
51. Hammers, Screw Driver.....	20
51. Hammers, Magnetic.....	20
51. Hammers, Tack No. 4.....	25
51. Hammers, Steak.....	25
51. Hammers, Upholsterers.....	25
51. Level Glasses.....	65
52 to 53, Mallets, Hickory.....	10
51. Mallets, Lignumvitae.....	10
51. Mitre Box, Improved.....	10
51. Mitre Squares, Improved.....	30
51. Mitre Try Squares, Improved.....	20
51. 36 to 38, Planes, Bailey's Adjustable.....	20
51. 39 to 41, Planes, the Stanley Adjustable Iron.....	20
51. Planes, "Defiance" Adjustable.....	20
51. Planes, "Leonard, Bailey & Co.'s" "Victory" for.....	20
51. Plane Irons.....	20
51. Planes, Bull-nose Rabbit.....	20
51. Planes, Tongue and Grooving.....	20
51. Plumbs and Levels, non-adjustable.....	65
51. Plumbs and Levels, patent adjustable.....	65
51. Plumbs and Levels, Balson's patent.....	20
51. Plumbs and Levels, Iron Fence.....	20
51. Plumbs and Levels, Machinists'.....	20
51. Pocket Levels.....	65
51. Plumb Lines.....	20
51. Flow and Matching Plane, combined.....	20
51. Plumb Bob, Adjustable.....	20
51. 40 to 42, Rules, Boxwood, Stanley's.....	20



taken place in the market, and prices are firm with fair transactions. Welsh are quoted £5 @ £5.10/.

**Old Rails.**—No change to note, prices ruling steady, with light offerings and small sales. We repeat quotations £3.10/ for Old Ts.

**Scrap.**—Unchanged. Prices steady. Offerings moderate and sales light. Wrought, £3.2/6.

### IRON.

**American Pig.**—The market is still quiet, although we hear of considerable inquiry. Sales are reported of 1000 tons No. 1 X Foundry at \$25; 300 tons 2 X at \$22; and 200 tons Gray Forge at \$20—all Thomas Iron. We quote on a firm market: Foundry No. 1, \$25; Foundry No. 2 X, \$21 @ \$22; Gray Forge, \$20 @ \$21.

**Scotch Pig.**—Owing to the quantity of ice in our rivers, and the snow blockade on our streets, rendering the transportation of heavy loads almost impossible, the business in Scotch Iron during the week has been unusually light. The only sale we hear of is 100 tons Glengarnock, from yard, at \$22.50. We quote: Eglinton, \$21.50; Carnbroe, \$22; Coltness, \$23.50 @ \$24; Glengarnock and Gartsherrie, \$22.50 @ \$23.

**Rails.**—Sales are reported of 800 tons Steel Rails at mill at \$57.50, and 1000 tons English Steel Rails for shipment to this port at about \$61. In Iron Rails no new business is reported. We quote Steel, at mill, \$57.50 @ \$62.50, and Iron Rails, \$46 @ \$49.

**Old Rails.**—Sales are reported of 5000 tons D H at \$28 @ \$29.25, part here and to arrive, also 3000 tons Ts on the spot at \$26.50 @ \$27, and 800 tons Old Bridge Rails at \$28. We quote \$26.50 @ \$28 for Ts and D H, respectively.

**Scrap.**—Sales aggregating 1500 tons Wrought Scrap are reported at \$27.50 @ \$28 from yard. We quote prime selected No. 1 Wrought, \$28 from yard.

We have received the following:

In consequence of the continued imitation of our well-known brands of Galvanized Sheet Iron, Junata and Charcoal Refined, so that the trade can no longer rely upon the qualities they represented, unless bought of us direct, we have decided to abandon these old brands, and in their stead have adopted the following, which we register as trademarks, to secure to ourselves and patrons, as well as the trade in general, the benefits of our established grades of Galvanized Sheet Iron.

Our first quality is made from Best Charcoal Hammered Blooms, of our own manufacture, and hereafter will be branded "Soho C. H. B., Moorhead & Co., S. M. I., Soho Mills, Pittsburgh."

Our second quality will be branded "Planet."

Our third quality will be branded "Refined."

In sending forth our stock under these new names, the trade can rely in receiving in our "C. H. B." a guaranteed strictly first-class Galvanized Sheet Iron in every respect, while, in our "Planet" brand, as second quality, and "Refined," as third quality, we know they compare favorably with any in the market.

In addition to our Galvanized Sheet Iron, we manufacture three grades of Black Sheet, viz.: Junata, O. K. Charcoal, and Common, together with the heavier gauges of same in Fire Bed, Tank and Plate Iron. Specialty—Wide Sheets for Saps Pans. Yours, respectfully, MOORHEAD & CO.

Pittsburgh, January 1, 1881.

We invite attention to the advertisement of Moorhead & Co., on page 11, in which fac similes of these trade-marks appear.

### METALS.

**Copper.**—There have been no sales made beyond dealings in a jobbing way, but the latter demand being good and steady, the market has remained very firm at 19½¢ @ 19¼¢, Lake Superior, and 18½¢ @ 18¼¢, Baltimore. London quotes Chili Bars, \$62, and Best Selected, \$67.

IMPORT OF COPPER INTO THE UNITED STATES, JANUARY 1 TO NOVEMBER 1.

	1880.	1879.	1878.
Ore, cwt.	29,131	16,396	\$177,229
Ingot, lbs.	4,477,838	529,373	9,567
Manufact.	317,832	247,305	
Total...	\$1,187,234	\$267,101	

DOMESTIC EXPORT.

	1880.	1879.	1878.
Ore, cwt.	16,873	10,913	\$30,434
Ingot, lbs.	315,560	13,130,380	60,701
Manufact.	49,419	72,000	
Cartridges.	508,778	320,129	
Total...	\$78,392	\$2,433,433	

Our latest advices by mail from London are to the following effect, under date of December 25: "There has been a rather better market this week, and prices for Chili Bars have shown a somewhat improving tendency. The market opened on Monday at £60.12/6 @ £60.17/6, and closed to-day steadily at £61. The amount of business, however, which has been transacted has been rather limited, but the improved tone indicates that the prospects are viewed as satisfactory; but it would appear that some great impression will have to be made upon stocks are any renewed and continuous activity occurs in the speculative demand. The only feature in this market worthy of consideration is the moderate range of prices now ruling, and this is a point which should not be overlooked by buyers, as it tends to stimulate the demand to a material extent, so that the market is easily maintained." Manufacturers remain as under: Bottoms, 31¢; Braziers, according to size, 28¢ @ 34¢; Circles, 31¢ @ 34¢; Segment Sheets, 31¢; Fire-box Sheets, 28¢; Sheathing, 26¢; and Bolt Copper, 28¢.

**Tin.**—Since the artificial strain put upon this metal here when it had declined to 19¢, the market has resumed much firmness, and nothing can now be bought under 20¢, with

a good prospect of further advance. About 200 tons have been sold during the week. The Singapore market remains unchanged at \$28.25 per picul, or about 21¢ here. London has advanced with Straits to £93. In this market 400 to 500 tons of Straits besides the above have sold to go to London, and part of this has been actually shipped. The deliveries in England in December have been 1000 tons, and in Holland 500. Shipments from the Straits to England in all the month of December have been 700 tons, and to the United States 525 tons. The closing statistics of the year on this coast for 1880 are the ensuing ones:

	Tons.
1880—December 1. Stock first hands.	1,200
second "	1,830
Total...	3,030
December arrivals...	870
Total...	3,900
Deduct consumption...	900
Total...	3,000
Dec. 31. Stock afloat from the Straits.	1,000
Australia...	100-2,000

Visible supply, January 1, 1881... 5,000

At the close the cable reports Straits Tin, £94, at London, notwithstanding the export movement from here, and this causes the market to close with great firmness at the following rates for large lots: Straits, 20¢ @ 20¼¢; Australian, 20¢ @ 20¼¢, and Billiton, which is scarce, 19½¢ @ 20¼¢. "London, Dec. 25.—This week the Tin market has been rather inanimate, and at the early part prices tended in buyers' favor; nevertheless the amount of business transacted was limited, the spirit of speculation which gave so much life to the market a week or two back having to a great extent subsided, and quite instead of activity prevailed, but the market has since somewhat recovered. Cash parcels of foreign Tin changed hands on Monday at £90.10/ @ £90, and closed to-day at £90.15/ @ £91. It seems that holders have no intention of submitting to any further material concession, and notwithstanding the demand is dull at the present time, yet, according to the last statistics, the market appears in such a sound and satisfactory position, and the future prospects seem so very promising that most holders prefer to risk the future course of prices than to sell at present rates."

**Tin Plates.**—The market at New York has been very quiet, but firm. At Liverpool no further change has occurred. We quote, large lines, ordinary brands, per box, Charcoal Bright, \$5.87½ @ \$6.25; ditto Tarned, \$5.37½ @ \$5.75; Coke Tins, \$5.00 @ \$5.12½, and ditto Tarned nominally, \$5.

**Lead.**—Has continued quiescent, and, although some more inquiry manifests itself, the dealings have remained circumscribed. We quote Common Domestic, \$4.30. Refined is very dull at 4½¢. Manufacturers are quoted as follows: Sheet Lead, 7¢; Lead Pipe, 6½¢; Tin-lined ditto, 15¢, and Block Tin Pipe, 40¢.

**Snelter and Zinc.**—The improved feeling in Europe continues, the advance in London thus far being £1 per ton, while here Domestic is firm at 5¢. Sheet Zinc is unaltered—7¢.

**Antimony.**—There is greater ease. We quote the same 14½¢ @ 15¢, as to brand.

**OLD METALS, PAPER STOCK, &c.**

We have no change to note in the market for Old Metals. The purchasing prices offered by dealers are as follows:

Copper, heavy	10.16 @ 10.37
Copper Bottoms	14 @ 14½
Yellow Metal	10.09 @ 10.16
Brass, heavy	11 @ 12
Brass, light	10 @ 10½
Composition, heavy	13½ @ 14½
Lead, heavy	10.04 @ 10.16
Tea Lead	10.03½ @ 10.16
Zinc	10.03½ @ 10.16
Pewter, No. 1	12 @ 13
Pewter, No. 2	12 @ 13
Wrought Iron	12 @ 13
Light do.	12 @ 13
Store Plate	12 @ 13
Machinery do.	12 @ 13
Grate Bars	12 @ 13

The prices current for Rags, &c., are as follows:

Canvas, Linen	3½¢ @ 4
White Cotton	2½¢ @ 3
No. 2	2½¢ @ 3
White, No. 1	4½¢ @ 4½¢
No. 2	3½¢ @ 3½¢
Second	10¢ @ 12¢
Soft Woolen	10¢ @ 12¢
Mixed Rags	10¢ @ 12¢
Gunny Bagging	12¢ @ 13¢
Butter Bagging	12¢ @ 13¢
Book Stock	12¢ @ 13¢
Newspapers	12¢ @ 13¢
Waste Paper and Scraps	12¢ @ 13¢
Kentucky Bale Rope	12¢ @ 13¢

### IMPORTS

Of Hardware, Iron, Steel and Metals into the Port of New York, for the Week ending January 4, 1880:

**Hardware.**

Baker H. & Co.	Stone T. & Co.
Chains, cks., 35	Order.
Cases, 69	Pig, tons, 150
Packages, 52	Scrap rails, tons, 1463
Klaiburg, 52	Scrap rails, pcs., 2849
Whiststones, 26	Wire rods, buls., 613
McAndrew J. C.	Wire, coils, 113

**Steel.**

Schroeder, Daly & Co.	Prosser Thos.
Gales, 1	Bands, 335
Mdse., pkgs., 1	Bars, 4
Wiebusch & Hilger	Tire forgings, 50
Hdw. Co.	Woodford W. O.
Cutlery and hdw.,	Bundles, 232
pkgs., 39	Bars, 22
Order.	Cases, 19
Bales, 77	Scrap spring, lot, 1
Girdles, 4	
Emery, cks., 14	

**Iron.**

Bank of Nevada.	Byrne Jos. & Co.
Scrap rails, kilos.,	Tin plates, bxs., 3407
212, 113	Drexel, Morgan & Co.
Baring Bros.	Tin plates, 3554
Pig, tons, 1926	Leavcraft & Co.
Brooks & Co.	Packages, 6
Cases, 3	Lead, pigs, 18
Brown Bros. & Co.	Montell T. & Sons.
Wire rods, coils, 538	Scrap brass, buls., 13
Drexel, Morgan & Co.	Scrap copper, buls., 4
Blooms, 1120	Phelps, Dodge & Co.
Lundberg G.	Tin plates, bxs., 558
Bars, 2407	Black taggers, dms.,
Milliken & Smith.	220
Wire, buls., 2034	Willitt & Hamlin.
Netherland Trading So-	Yellow metal, cks., 155
ciety.	Tin plates, bxs.,
Scrap rails, kilos.,	14,212
185,584	Black taggers, bxs.,
	54

### EXPORTS

Of Hardware, Iron, Machinery, Metals, &c., from the Port of New York, for the Week ending January 4, 1881:

**Danish West Indies.**

	Quan.	Val.
Mach'y, pkgs.	4	\$310
Hdw. cs.	4	46
Glasgow, cs.	4	45
Pidware, cs.	1	60
Cart.	1	34
Pum., gals.	1000	138

**Dutch East Indies.**

	Quan.	Val.
Pum., gals.	300,000	37,000

**Amsterdam.**

	Quan.	Val.
Pum., gals.	398,224	38,826

**Rotterdam.**

	Quan.	Val.
Pum., gals.	256,275	25,700

**Hamburg.**

	Quan.	Val.
Hdw. cs.	78	1,139
Cartons, bls.	35	1,178
Belting, pkgs.	3	840
Mach'y, cs.	1	530
Ag. imp. pkgs.	6	421
Clocks, bxs.	102	1,564
Sew. ma., cs.	329	7,192

**Bremen.**

	Quan.	Val.
Pd., gals.	112,548	114,926
Carlson, cs.	350	530
Ag. imp. pkgs.	74	950
Guns, case.	1	35

**Antwerp.**

	Quan.	Val.
Lub. oil, bls.	50	400
Mf. iron, pkgs.	14	934
Lamps, pkgs.	6	344
Hdw. cs.	25	340
Rides, case.	1	838

**Gibraltar.**

	Quan.	Val.
Chandeliers, cs.	8	65

**Canada.**

	Quan.	Val.
Antimony, cks.	12	1,142

**British North American Colonies.**

	Quan.	Val.
Coal, tons	474	1,676
Mf. iron, pgs.	21	172
Petrol., gals.	227	34

**British East Indies.**

	Quan.	Val.
Pum., gals.	455,000	60,287

**British West Indies.**

	Quan.	Val.
Hdw. cs.	55	1,136
Ag. imp. pkgs.	12	1,058
Clocks, bxs.	11	240
Nails, kegs.	100	400
Carriages	4	400
Coal, bls.	10	60
Ag. imp. pgs.	6	37

**French West Indies.**

	Quan.	Val.
Pum., gals.	5000	650
Cge. mtl. pkgs.	1	50

**British Guiana.**

	Quan.	Val.
Glasgow, cs.	49	475
Pum., gals.	4600	628
Pidware, cs.	8	151
Hdw. cs.	17	310
Tel. mtl. pkgs.	1	180
Clocks, bxs.	12	500

**Havre.**

	Quan.	Val.
Mach'y, case.	1	150
Ag. imp. pkgs.	128	2,964
Pum., gals.	175,802	19,280

**Marseilles.**

	Quan.	Val.
Pum., gals.	252,090	17,900

**Cette.**

	Quan.	Val.
Pum., gals.	253,276	16,514

**Lisbon.**

	Quan.	Val.
Pum., gals.	70,144	7,165

**Corfu.**

	Quan.	Val.
Pum., gals.	80,000	9,600

**Trieste.**

	Quan.	Val.
Pum., gals.	359,147	35,200

**Alexandria.**

	Quan.	Val.
Pum., gals.	460,990	55,800

**Constantinople.**

	Quan.	Val.
Pum., gals.	141,000	17,696

**Africa.**

	Quan.	Val.
Pum., gals.	74,430	8,928

**Argentine Republic.**

	Quan.	Val.
Glasgow, cs.	39	714
Pum., gals.	45,000	8,500
Mf. iron, pkgs.	44	3,749
Pidware, cs.	3	80
Carbons, bls.	50	625
Guns, case.	1	25
Pumps, pkgs.	20	875
Watch mtl. bx	1	100
Mf. iron, pkgs.	32	975
Cutlery, cs.	7	66
Sew. ma., cs.	24	500
Nails, kegs.	75	530
Ag. imp. pkgs.	34	927

**Cisleptine Republic.**

	Quan.	Val.
Lmp g'ds, pgs.	23	668
Solaper, cs.	6	190
Ag. imp. pkgs.	417	6,972
Pum., gals.	30,000	3,887
Pidware, cs.	8	300
Cutlery, cs.	42	990
Arms & a, pgs	20	500
Coal, tons	353	1,483
Hdw. cs.	139	3,148
Carbons, cs.	1	112
Mach'y, cs.	9	710
Sew. ma., cs.	133	1,805
Glasgow, cs.	14	322
Mf. iron, pkgs.	104	3,076
Clocks, bxs.	39	1,242
Pumps, pkgs.	5	205

**Venezuela.**

	Quan.	Val.
Carriage	1	397
Sew. ma., cs.	3	84
Hdw. cs.	6	238
Pum., gals.	6548	816
Cutlery, case.	1	91
Tel. mtl. pgs.	45	1,933



CLEVELAND PIG IRON, 1880.

Date 1880.	Prices.		Furnaces blowing.	Stock.
	No. 1.	No. 3.		
January 1.....	58/6	53/6	96	282,886
10.....	58/6	53/6	97	282,886
17.....	58/6	53/6	97	282,886
February 1.....	58/6	53/6	97	282,886
10.....	58/6	53/6	97	282,886
17.....	58/6	53/6	97	282,886
March 1.....	58/6	53/6	97	282,886
10.....	58/6	53/6	97	282,886
17.....	58/6	53/6	97	282,886
April 1.....	58/6	53/6	97	282,886
10.....	58/6	53/6	97	282,886
17.....	58/6	53/6	97	282,886
May 1.....	58/6	53/6	97	282,886
10.....	58/6	53/6	97	282,886
17.....	58/6	53/6	97	282,886
June 1.....	58/6	53/6	97	282,886
10.....	58/6	53/6	97	282,886
17.....	58/6	53/6	97	282,886
July 1.....	58/6	53/6	97	282,886
10.....	58/6	53/6	97	282,886
17.....	58/6	53/6	97	282,886
August 1.....	58/6	53/6	97	282,886
10.....	58/6	53/6	97	282,886
17.....	58/6	53/6	97	282,886
September 1.....	58/6	53/6	97	282,886
10.....	58/6	53/6	97	282,886
17.....	58/6	53/6	97	282,886
October 1.....	58/6	53/6	97	282,886
10.....	58/6	53/6	97	282,886
17.....	58/6	53/6	97	282,886
November 1.....	58/6	53/6	97	282,886
10.....	58/6	53/6	97	282,886
17.....	58/6	53/6	97	282,886
December 1.....	58/6	53/6	97	282,886
10.....	58/6	53/6	97	282,886
17.....	58/6	53/6	97	282,886

Furnaces in blast and stocks in store in January and November, 1880, were as follows:

JANUARY, 1880.		
Furnaces.	Stocks.	
Scotch.....	101	425,072
Cleveland.....	96	282,886
Total.....	197	707,958
NOVEMBER, 1880.		
Furnaces.	Stocks.	
Scotch.....	119	477,067
Cleveland.....	118	312,125
Total.....	237	789,192

An increase of 40 furnaces in blast, and of stocks in store, 81,234. This shows a considerable increase in production, even under a somewhat dull market, and if compared with 1879 would be still more remarkable. The condition of furnaces in this country shows a steady increase in production, so that, large as consumption is, the supply will not doubt be fully adequate to all requirements. Prices to-day may be quoted: \$25 for No. 1 Foundry, \$21.50 for No. 2 ditto, and \$20 @ \$21 for Gray Forge Iron; English Iron, \$20 @ \$21 for No. 1 and \$18 @ \$19 for No. 3, in small lots.

#### Manufactured Iron.

The fluctuations in Finished Iron have been very similar to those in the raw material. The demand has been large, and the production the largest in the whole history of the trade. The mills very generally have been run on full time, and some that had long been closed were put in active operation. The large arrivals of foreign Bars, however, began to have a depressing influence, and for several weeks the market staggered under the weight of stuff offered. Steady consumption gradually brought relief, and the last six months have been a period of moderate activity, but at barely remunerative prices. The outlook is good; consumption promises to be larger than ever, and, as the market is pretty well relieved from the incubus of foreign stock, better prices are looked for. Refined Bars opened in January at 3.4¢, advanced to 3.6¢ before the 15th and 3.8¢ before the close of the month. This price, with occasional sales at 4¢, was maintained to the middle of March, when the market began to weaken very rapidly. At the beginning of April prices were very unsettled and quoted 3.5¢ @ 3.6¢; on the 15th of April, 3.2¢ @ 3.3¢; and on the 29th there were free sellers at 3¢. The decline was continued during May, each week showing quotations a tenth less than in the week preceding. Prices during June were somewhat steadier, opening at 2.4¢ @ 2.5¢, closing at 2.2¢ @ 2.3¢, which proved to be the lowest point of the whole year. At this time a strike was made by puddlers and other employees in the Bar mills, and for six weeks there was a suspension of work. This, probably, was of great advantage to the trade at large, reducing stocks very materially, and resulting also in the adoption of a scale of wages which appears to give general satisfaction. The mills commenced work in August, adopting 2.4¢ as the card rate, which was continued to the close of the year, and is still in force. During a portion of the time, however, sales were made as low as 2.3¢, and, in a few instances, 2.25¢ was accepted for very desirable orders. During the last month of the year prices toned up considerably, and the card rate is no doubt the actual selling rate, without any concessions whatever. The year opens with excellent prospects, a fair amount of orders already entered, numerous inquiries from good buyers and prices very firm. Structural Iron has been in constant demand at satisfactory prices, and the mills have been full of work throughout the whole year. Prices have been subject to changes similar to those in Bar Iron, but for several months the market has been steady, with scarcely any variation in quotations. The demand has been well distributed, bridge, ship and car builders having been constant buyers, while others have placed many large orders for architectural purposes. Iron of this class has been sent abroad in considerable quantities by such firms as the Phoenix Iron Company, the Edgemoor Iron Company and one or two others. Canada, Brazil, Demarara, Cuba, Nicaragua and Mexico have been the most prominent buyers, and these countries are now looked upon as permanent customers, especially for architectural and bridge iron. The elevated roads furnished a great deal of work in the early part of the year, and, although there is not much in that line doing now, it is not unlikely that the demand will soon be renewed. In the meantime manufacturers have been fully employed on orders from other quarters, and prospects are universally bright. The demand from the shipyards must be very large. Cramp's have 1000 men at work, and are increasing the number as rapidly as good men can be obtained. Roach & Son have recently taken orders amounting to nearly \$3,000,000, and other prominent firms are also very full of work. The extension of the railway system of the country will call for a large amount of bridge work, and from numerous other sources business is steadily pouring in. The plate mills have been fully employed throughout the whole year, and have probably made the largest output ever known. Tank Iron has been specially active, the de-

mand at times being far beyond what could be supplied. Prices have been subject to several violent changes. Opening in January at 4¢ for Tank Iron, advancing to 4.3¢ before the close of the month, in February 4.5¢ was reached, and maintained until the middle of March, when a decline set in, which was continuous until the first week in June. The changes were from 4¢ April 1st to 3.3¢ April 18th, and 3.3¢ April 20th, May 6th 3.1¢, May 13th 3¢, May 27th 2.7¢. During June and July prices were steady at 2.6¢ @ 2.7¢. In August and September, under a very active demand, prices were advanced to 3¢, and in some cases 3.2¢ was paid for prompt deliveries. The market weakened during October, and in that month and November sales were made at all sorts of prices from 2.6¢ @ 2.8¢. During the last month of the year, the market stiffened again, closing with 2.8¢ as an inside rate and 2.9¢ generally asked. The lowest price mentioned for ship plate during the year was in October, several hundred tons having been taken at 6.25¢. The orders recently placed were at 2.8¢ @ 2.9¢, the market closing strong at the outside rate. The demand for Boiler Iron has been very good all through the year, and manufacturers are still entering a large amount of business at 4½¢ for Flange Iron.

#### Sheet Iron.

The demand has been beyond precedent. The mills have been run to their fullest capacity, and stocks at the close of the year are not more than an average, with prospects of a heavy demand early in the season. Prices have varied in about the same proportion as other descriptions of finished iron, the market closing steady at 4¢ @ 4½¢ for Nos. 16 to 28.

#### Rails.

The demand throughout the whole year has been very urgent, and orders for many thousand tons have of necessity been sent abroad. The total importations of Rails, including Iron, since the boom set in, is about 250,000 tons. The output of Steel Rails in the United States is estimated by Mr. Swank at 775,000 gross tons. A large addition is being made to the productive capacity; eight converters are in process of erection in Pennsylvania and two in Illinois, which will increase the output of Ingots and Blooms about 500,000 tons. It must be remembered, however, that Bessemer Steel is being used for many purposes other than for Rails. Plates are being rolled from it very extensively, and it is coming into use for other purposes, causing a large demand for Ingots and Blooms. It is anticipated that upward of 600,000 gross tons of Rails can be turned out if necessary, and from present appearances the demand is likely to be equal to the fullest capacity. Prices opened in January at \$72.50, advanced to \$80 before the close of the month, and during February were held at \$85, with several sales at \$82.50 @ \$85. During March prices gradually declined, and sales could not be made unless at concessions from asking rates. This was still more marked during April, and at the close a reduction of \$10 @ \$15 per ton from the highest point had to be conceded. The decline continued during the first half of May, until \$60 was reached, since which time the market has been very steady and changes so slight as to call for no special remark. During September and October orders for nearly half a million tons were taken at prices varying from \$57 to \$60; but it is usual to make concessions for winter work, so that the decline was a nominal one and was no indication of weakness. One or two transactions were said to have been made at \$55 @ \$56, but they were quite exceptional. Sales of foreign Rails have been made from time to time, recently several lots for the South and Southwest. Prices seem to be strengthening, and toward spring will, in all probability, be higher; but our manufacturers will meet the price of foreign Rails, whatever that may be. Some of the Iron Rail mills are taking orders for Steel Rails to be rolled from foreign Blooms. A sale of this character was made last week—30-lb Rails at \$63, from mill—in Pittsburgh. From the fact that upward of 25,000 tons of foreign Blooms have been sold in this market recently, it may be inferred that a larger business will be done this year than has been done before. There are some peculiar risks, however. The duty of 45 ¢ charged is based not on actual cost, but on value at the time the duties are paid, which, in the event of a rapid advance, is a serious item. Manufacturers find it more convenient to have the purchaser of Rails furnish the Blooms from which they are to be rolled, but under present conditions it is scarcely probable that the business will assume very large proportions. Iron Rails have been in constant demand, opening in January at \$60, advancing to \$67.50 before the close of the month, and continued steady at about that figure until the first week in April. During April there was a steady decline, each week showing prices from \$2 to \$2.50 per ton lower than during the preceding week. May opened with \$55 asked, declined to \$50 before the close of the second week and to \$48 before the closing of the month. During June prices settled down to \$45 as a minimum, since which time the market has been fairly active and very steady, with only slight variations in prices, and these usually in the way of improvement. Prospects are favorable for a heavy demand, but our manufacturers are at a serious disadvantage, raw material having advanced without any equivalent for the product. Prices to-day are nominally \$46 and \$47, but it is difficult to sell at the one figure and buy at the other. Foreign Rails can be delivered at \$44 at tide, and, except in special locations, our manufacturers are not in a position to meet competition, especially as Old Rails are scarce, and, from present appearances, likely to be higher. However, there is every prospect that the demand will be active, and it is to be hoped that prices will improve. There are a few inquiries in the market already, and a sale of 800 tons English Rails (50s) has just been closed at \$46, in store here.

#### Old Rails.

In the early part of the year the market was greatly excited, and prices were subject to frequent change. The highest rates were realized during January, when sales were made at \$14. The opening sales were

at \$37, the third week \$41, and before the close of the month \$44 was paid for large lots. The market was steady during February, but toward the close signs of weakness were apparent, and there were free sellers at \$42 @ \$43. This feeling continued during March, each week showing a decline of 75¢ @ \$1 per ton. April opened with quotations at \$38, and for five successive weeks prices were marked down \$1 per ton. Prices in the early part of May were very weak and the market unsettled. Toward the middle of the month sales were made at \$25, and afterward down to \$22.50, which proved to be the bottom price for the whole year. June showed a better demand and prices reacted to \$26, afterward declining to \$23 again, which was the opening quotation in July. Prices gradually stiffened, until \$27 became the selling price, which was maintained throughout August and the first half of September. During the latter portion of September the market softened to \$26, and for the balance of the year prices have not varied more than 50¢ per ton; occasionally lots were picked up at less money, but more frequently sellers had the advantage. The market this week opens firm, with sales at \$27 for good-sized lots. Stocks in the four leading ports are estimated at about 150,000 tons, say 90,000 tons in New York, 40,000 tons in Philadelphia, and the balance divided between Boston and Baltimore. These are in strong hands, and as there is an active inquiry from consumers, higher prices are predicted. The English market is very strong and relatively higher than our own, so that some advance may be obtained, but at current rates for the products it is hard to see how consumers can meet an advance. The imports of old Iron since August, 1879, amounts to over 350,000 tons.

#### PITTSBURGH.

Office of The Iron Age, 77 Fourth Avenue, Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 4, 1881.

**Pig Iron.**—The market the past week has been quiet, as was to be expected, in view of the fact that a large number of consumers, as is the custom at the opening of a new year, are engaged in taking stock and making repairs, but there are still more buyers than sellers for future delivery at current rates. The most of those producers who were disposed to contract for forward deliveries have made about all the contracts they care to make for the present, the effect of which has been to give the market a firmer tone. We continue to quote Forge Irons at \$20.50 @ \$21.50, 4 mos., for cold-short; \$22 @ \$22.50 for Neutral; \$23 @ \$24 for Red-short, cinder mixture, and \$26 @ \$27 for all-oredo. Sales of Eastern Cold Blast Charcoal at \$38; Coal and Coke Smeled Foundry Irons, \$23.50 @ \$25 for Nos. 2 and 1.

**Bessemer Iron.**—There is an increasing demand, both for immediate and future delivery, the latter especially, and prices are strong and advancing. Several sales have been made recently, but nearly all, for some reason or other, on private terms. Standard brands may be quoted at \$27.50 @ \$28. The activity in Bessemer is, as might be expected, affecting other grades of Iron by keeping down production, as furnaces now working on it would otherwise be making Mill and Foundry Irons.

**Manufactured Iron.**—Business is comparatively quiet, as it usually is the first week or two of the new year, but the outlook for an active spring trade never was better. Moreover, as the indications are that the mills will have all they can do, there is good reason to believe that they will be able very soon to command remunerative prices. We now quote Bars at 2.25¢ rates, 60 days, 2¢ off for cash, although it is probable that a desirable order can still be placed at 2.10¢ @ 2.15¢. Sheet Iron is still quoted on a basis of 3 75¢ for No. 4; Skelp, 2.25¢ @ 2.35¢; Plate and Tank, 2.90¢ @ 3¢; Hoop, 3¢ @ 3.20¢.

**Nails.**—While business continues quiet prices are firm. So far as we can learn, manufacturers are standing as firm as a rock by the rate recently fixed by the Western Nail Association, \$2.85, 60 days, with an abatement of 10¢ on car-load lots, and 2¢ off for cash. Repeated efforts have been made to place large orders at the rates ruling prior to the recent advance, but without success. Manufacturers are confident of a large spring trade.

**Wrought Iron.**—The demand continues light, as compared with what it was a month ago, but the mills generally are still busy working up unfinished orders. No change in prices, 65 ¢ @ 67½ ¢ discount. Boiler Tubes, 40 ¢ off. Oil Well Casing and Tubing, 21¢ and 70¢ per foot, net.

**Railway Supplies.**—An attempt was made here recently to place an order for Steel Rails for June delivery, and the best figure that could be obtained was \$60, cash, at mill, and the seller by no means anxious for the order. Railway Spikes are firm at the advance noted in last report, 2¼¢, 30 days; Splice Bars, 2¼¢; Track Bolts, 3¼¢ @ 3½¢, with square and hexagon nuts.

**Muck Bars.**—There is some inquiry, and we quote at \$38 @ \$38.50 for Neutral, and \$39.50 @ \$40 for Red-short.

**Steel.**—For Merchant Steel business is quiet at present, but few fresh orders coming forward, but the outlook is promising for an active spring trade. No change in prices. Best brands of Refined Cast Steel, 11¢ @ 12¢; Machinery ditto, 7¢ @ 7½¢.

**Scrap.**—The market for all kinds of Scrap continues quiet, but dealers are expecting an increased demand within the next few weeks. No. 1 Wrought is still quoted \$26 @ \$28 per net ton, and Old Car Wheels at \$33 @ \$35 gross.

**Coke.**—The demand keeps up well, and the volume of business would be larger than it is but for the scarcity of cars. Prices steady—\$1.50 per ton, free on cars at ovens, and \$1.65 @ \$1.75 for small foundry orders.

**Window Glass.**—Business continues quiet, but manufacturers are all busy piling up stock for the spring and summer trade. No change in discounts: car-load lots, 00 and 20 ¢ on single and 70 ¢ on double strength.

#### CHATTANOOGA.

Office of The Iron Age, Market and 5th Sts., Chattanooga, Jan. 3, 1881.

The Southern district has done more and better business in the month just ended than was ever transacted in any December. There will be a marked improvement in all lines during this month. The weather has been intensely cold, the mercury reaching zero at many points South of Atlanta.

**Pig Iron.**—There is nothing special to report in the Pig Metal market. No. 1 Foundry is still in very light supply and prices for this grade are very stiff. We quote: No. 1 Foundry, \$25 @ \$27; No. 2 Foundry, \$23 @ \$25; Gray Forge, \$20 @ \$22; White and Mottled, \$18 @ \$20; Car Wheel Metal, \$38 @ \$40.

**Miscellaneous Articles.**—The cold and snow throughout the South have embargoed track renewing and reduced the supply of Old Rails materially. They have a steady and strong market. We quote: Old Rails at \$26 @ \$28; Wrought Scrap, \$20 @ \$24; Cast, \$15 @ \$17; Old Wheels, \$28 @ \$30.

**Ores.**—We quote: 50 ¢ Brown Hematite, per ton, \$2 @ \$2.75; Red Fossil, \$2 @ \$2.25.

**Nails.**—Are fairly steady at 3 25¢ rates, usual discount on 200-kg lots and for cash.

**Manufactured Iron.**—The list is quiet, and without quotable change. We quote: Bar at \$23.35 rates; Railroad Spikes, \$3; Track Bolts, \$4; Trestle Bolts, \$4.50; Fish Plate, \$2.50.

**Coal.**—The supply of Coal for household consumption continues fairly sufficient to meet the increased demand. Prices continue exorbitantly high at all points South, and from 6 to 10 cents higher in Chattanooga than for several years past. We quote the local market at 22¢ @ 25¢ per bushel, delivered.

**Coke.**—Furnace Coke, \$3 per ton at furnace; Foundry, 10¢ @ 12¢ per bushel.

**Steel and Iron Rails.**—We quote Steel Bars at \$62.50 for American makes, \$60 for foreign. Iron, \$43 @ \$50; Small T is firm at \$55.

**Lead.**—We quote: Pig Lead, 4½¢ @ 5¢. Steel.—Plow Slabs, 3 in. and under, \$4.70; Black Diamond, ordinary sizes, 13¢.

#### CLEVELAND.

JANUARY 3.—**Pig Iron.**—There continues to be a steady demand for Pig metal, notwithstanding the opening of a new year and the usual withholding of orders incident to the season. The mills are buying freely, and foundries, while not anticipating their wants, are buying to cover necessities, which seem to be large. Iron manufacturing of every kind is being pushed to its utmost, but prices are not advancing as a rule. Charcoal Iron of car-wheel quality is active and tending higher, with every prospect of better prices being realized during the winter. Of other Irons, both Charcoal and Stonecoal, there seems to be a supply fully equal to the enormous demand. Charcoal Pig is selling at \$33 @ \$36, according to grade; Foundry at \$23 @ \$25.50; Mill and Forge at \$20 @ \$23. **Iron Ore.**—There is gradual lessening of the stocks in hand, and a disposition to hold firm on such small balances of No. 1 Ores as are left in hands of dealers—especially is this the case in Bessemer and Fix Ores. There is no doubt but that the latter will become very scarce as the winter progresses, as there is but little in the market. As we stated in our last article, consumers are looking around for the coming year, but with the exception of the steel works and Steel Ores it is a little early to name prices and close sales, but no doubt sales of all kinds will be consummated within the next 30 days to a greater or less degree. It is a known fact that there will be at least 1,200,000 tons of Lake Ores consumed this year in the steel trade. Of this Chicago alone will take about 600,000 tons. The shipments from the Lake Superior district last year were, in round numbers, 2,000,000 tons, and unless the output is greatly increased there will be a good demand for all the No. 1 Ores that will be produced in 1881, as it is generally conceded that the consumption of this year will be enormous. We give you the following quotations in Ores for present market and delivery:

**BESSEMER.**  
Bessemer Speculars and Magnetites.....\$9.00 @ \$10.00  
Bessemer Hematites.....7.00 @ 9.00  
Menominee Range Ores.....7.50 @ 9.00

**MILL ORES.**  
Speculars and Magnetites.....8.00 @ 10.00  
Hematites.....6.50 @ 8.00  
Fix Ores.....9.00 @ 10.00

#### BOSTON.

JANUARY 1.—The market has been as quiet as is usually the case during the closing days of the expiring year, but there are many evidences that buyers will soon come into the market in sufficient numbers to render values even firmer than they are at present. In the West some mills have been apprehensive of higher prices, and have already contracted for Iron enough to supply their works for the next three or four months. We quote American Pig Iron at \$25 @ \$26 for No. 1 X; \$21 @ \$22.50 for No. 2 X, and \$20 @ \$22 for Gray Forge. These prices are f. o. b. at the port of shipment. Small spot lots will command \$2 per ton higher. Foreign Iron is without change in prices, but the surplus of the various brands of Scotch and English Pig Iron at this port is not as excessive as it was. There has been scarcely any Coltness Iron offered here for three or four months, but a very steady business has been done in Langlois, and this brand is meeting with a good deal of favor among foundrymen for machinery as well as for stove purposes. It is pronounced the strongest of Scotch Irons, but is at the same time softer and more fluid than American. We quote Langlois Iron at \$24.50; Gartsherrie and Gleggarnock at \$23 @ \$23.50; Eglinton at \$21.50 @ \$22; and Clarence (Middlesborough) at \$20 for No. 1. There are also quantities of a variety of other brands of Iron, such as Heath, Calder, &c., on the market. Holders of Heath Iron have offered to sell it at \$18.50 per ton. Old Rails have met with considerable inquiry both here and at other markets, and the wants of buyers are evidently compelling them to accede to the advanced views of holders.

As high as \$31 has been paid here for American Rails since our last, and that figure is reported to have been refused in one instance for a 350-ton lot. We quote American Rails at \$31 @ \$32; and foreign at \$28.50 @ \$29 for D. H.'s, and \$26.50 @ \$27 for Tees. Manufactured Iron is quiet but steady, and there are many operators who are anticipating a slightly higher range of prices after the turn of the year. We quote Refined Bars at \$22.50. Norway and Swedish are unchanged at \$4.15 for Bars and \$5.15 for Shapes. Nails are quiet and steady at \$2.90, net, for rod, to 60d. We quote Plates at \$2.90 @ \$3 for Common and Tank; \$3.25 @ \$3.37½ for C. No. 1; \$3.50 for C. H. No. 1 Shell; and \$4.75 for C. H. No. 1 Flange; and 6¼¢ for Bay State X Flange for fire boxes, &c. Bay State Sheet Iron is quoted at 6¼¢ for "A," for severe stamping, satchel and lock purposes; 5½¢ for "B," for ordinary stamping, galvanizing and corrugating purposes; 5¢ for "C," a double-seaming Iron for coal-hod, pan, elbow and similar purposes; 5¼¢ for "D," for trunk purposes. Copper has not realized the anticipations of those who predicted that higher prices would follow the recent large contracts of the mining companies. The companies put 14,000,000 of their future product under contract at 19¢, but since that time there have been sales of outside holdings of Lake in 25,000-pound lots at the same figure. Futures are held at 19½¢. A moderate jobbing trade prevails at 19½¢ for Lake, and 18½¢ @ 19¢ for other brands. There has been no change in the combination prices of Manufactured Copper. We quote: New Sheathing Copper, 26¢; Braziers, 28¢, and Bolts, 28¢; Bottoms, 31¢; American Yellow Sheathing Metal, 17¢ @ 18¢; Yellow Metal Bolts, 20¢; and English Yellow Metal Sheathing, 14¢, in bond. Lead is dull at the recent decline, and we quote round lots of \$4.25 @ \$4.30, and small store parcels at 4½¢ @ 4¾¢. The prices of manufactures are unchanged, as follows: Bar, 6½¢; Pipe, 6½¢; Sheet, 7¢; Tin-lined Pipe, 15¢; Tin Pipe, 40¢; all less 10 ¢ to the trade. No. 1 Solder, 11½¢. Spelter is held higher, 5½¢ being the asking price for Western, and 4½¢ @ 4¾¢ for Refined. Retail lots command ½¢ @ ¾¢ above these figures. Tin has continued dull, and there have been considerable sales for exportation at figures as low as 10¢, cash. In this market there are buyers at 19½¢, 30 days, but sellers appear to be unwilling to accept that figure. There is a moderate jobbing demand at 20¢ @ 20½¢ for Straits and English L & F.—*Commercial Bulletin.*

#### LOUISVILLE.

Messrs. GEO. H. HULL & Co., Commission Merchants, report to us as follows, under date of December 31: Sales during the last week were very light, as they usually are at this season of the year. Business during the fore part of the month, however, was large. As a good many of the foundries must come into the market after New Years, a large trade is anticipated then. Prices are low, as indicated by our quotations, but very firm. The following are cash quotations. Four months' prices are 50¢ @ \$1 per ton more.

#### FOUNDRY IRONS.

No. 1 Hanging Rock, Charcoal.....	\$27.00 @ 28.00
No. 2.....	26.00 @ 27.00
No. 1 Southern, Charcoal.....	24.00 @ 25.00
No. 2.....	23.00 @ 24.00
No. 1 Hanging Rock, Stonecoal and Coke.....	23.50 @ 24.00
No. 2 Hanging Rock, Stonecoal and Coke.....	22.50 @ 23.50
No. 1 Southern, Stonecoal and Coke.....	23.00 @ 25.00
No. 2.....	22.50 @ 23.00
"American Scotch".....	22.00 @ 24.00
Silver Gray.....	22.00 @ 24.00
Scotch.....	22.00 @ 24.00

#### MILL IRONS.

No. 1 Charcoal, Cold-short and Neutral.....	\$22.00 @ 24.00
No. 1 Stonecoal and Coke, Cold-short and Neutral.....	21.50 @ 22.00
No. 2 Stonecoal and Coke, Cold-short and Neutral.....	20.50 @ 21.00
No. 1 Missouri and Indiana Red-short.....	26.00 @ 27.00
White and Mottled, Cold-short and Neutral.....	19.00 @ 20.00

#### CAR WHEEL AND MALLEABLE IRONS.

Hanging Rock, Cold-blast.....	35.00 @ 42.00
Alabama and Georgia, Cold-blast.....	35.00 @ 40.00
Kentucky, Cold-blast.....	35.00 @ 40.00

W. B. BELKNAP & Co., Iron and Steel Merchants, Nos. 113 and 115 Main street, report to us as follows, under date of January 1: Business has been frozen up the past week, and nobody except the coalmen can report a brisk trade. Outdoor work is out of the question, and most purchases are for delivery when the thermometer rises. The recent advance on Nails is well maintained, though sales are reduced to nil. Bar is firm at its practical advance of \$2 per ton. Many of the mills hereabout are closed for annual repairs, and cannot deliver special orders at present. Coal has advanced 6¢ a bushel, and is now selling at 18¢. Next week we expect to give definite quotations, as the opening prices will be somewhat fixed. Navigation on the Ohio River has been completely suspended. At points not far above here it is frozen over so as to admit of persons crossing. Here the heavy ice extends far out from either shore, and is an effectual preventive against the movement of boats.

#### NEW ORLEANS.

Messrs. MINNIGERODE & Co., dealers in Railway Supplies, 61 St. Charles street, write as follows under date of December 31: We have this week to report a much improved condition of our market. In the matter of old materials we note an advance in Old Rails and Scrap of \$1 per ton, with great scarcity of both and brisk inquiry. In new materials we find Iron Rails steady at the recent advance. Southern mills want \$48 @ \$50 at mill for Standard Sections. Foreign New Rails may be quoted at about \$46 for Iron and \$62 for Steel at seaboard. Spikes have advanced about ¼¢ per lb, and Fastenings are also higher



## ST. LOUIS.

Messrs. HOFFER, PLUMB & Co., Pig Iron and Iron Ore Merchants, 417 Pine street, write us as follows, under date of January 1: The year opens with the fairest prospects, the demand being large, prices fair and supply, scarcely adequate. Consumers are full of orders, and there is a general feeling of buoyancy.

## HOT BLAST CHARCOAL.

Missouri.....\$27.00 @ 27.00  
Southern.....25.00 @ 27.00  
Hanging Rock.....25.00 @ 29.00

## COKE AND COAL.

Missouri.....25.00 @ 28.00  
Southern.....25.00 @ 27.00  
Ohio.....25.00 @ 26.00

## MILL IRONS.

Cold-short.....23.00 @ 24.00  
Red-short.....23.50 @ 24.50

## CAR WHEEL IRON.

Missouri.....@.....  
Southern.....35.00 @ 40.00  
Ohio.....35.00 @ 45.00

## ORE.

For fix, nominal.....10.00 @ 12.00  
For furnace.....6.50 @ 7.50  
Brown Hematites.....no market.

## BALTIMORE.

R. C. HOFFMAN & Co., Iron and Commission Merchants, report the Pig Iron market as follows, under date of January 3: We have no change to report in the Iron market. Transactions during the past week were limited, owing to the holidays, but prices remain firm at last quotations:

Baltimore Charcoal Wheel Iron.....\$38.00 @ \$40.00  
Virginia C. B.....25.00 @ 26.00  
Anthracite No. 1.....25.00 @ 26.00  
" No. 2.....25.00 @ 24.00  
" Mottled and White.....20.00 @ 21.00  
Charcoal C. B. Blooms.....25.00 @ 26.00  
Refined Blooms.....45.00 @ 50.00

W. N. WYETH, Iron and Steel Merchant, 46 and 48 South Charles street, reports us the following, under date of January 3: Trade remains about same as last reported, with prices firm:

Ref. Bar Iron, 1 to 6 by 3/4 to 1.....\$2 1/2 @ 2 3/4  
" 1 to 4 by 1 1/2 to 2.....2 1/2 @ 2 3/4  
" and Square.....2 1/2 @ 2 3/4  
Hoop Iron, 3/4 wide and upward.....3 1/2 @ 3 3/4  
Band Iron, from 1/4 to 1 in. wide.....3 1/2 @ 3 3/4  
Horse-shoe Iron.....3 1/2 @ 4  
Norway Nail Rods.....6 1/2 @ 6 3/4  
Black Diamond Cast Steel.....13 1/2 @ 14 1/2  
Machinery Steel.....10 @ 10 1/2  
Cast Spring Steel.....8 @ 8 1/2  
Common Horse Nails.....10 @ 14  
Perkins' Horse shoes, 1/2 keg of 100 lbs.....4-37 1/2  
Mule shoes.....5-37 1/2  
Putnam Horse Nails.....21 @ 23 @ 24 @ 26  
Globe Horse Nails.....20 @ 21 @ 22 @ 25  
Railroad Spikes.....3 @ 3 1/4  
Less list discounts to the trade.

## RICHMOND.

Mr. ASA SNYDER, Iron Merchant and Furnace Agent, writes as follows under date of January 3: Business has been almost suspended by an embargo on water navigation, and partially on rail, by the unprecedented cold weather, combined with the holiday season. This market is firm at the following quotations:

Scott's Pig Iron.....\$24.00 @ 27.00  
American Scott's Pig Iron.....27.00 @ 29.00  
No. 1.....25.00 @ 28.00  
No. 2.....25.00 @ 25.00  
No. 3.....25.00 @ 25.00  
Mottled and White.....19.00 @ 21.00  
Virginia Charcoal C. B. Wheel Iron.....38.00 @ 41.00  
Old Rails.....25.00 @ 28.00  
Old Wheels.....21.00 @ 23.00  
Wrought Scrap, No. 1.....21.00 @ 22.00  
Cast Machinery Scrap.....21.00 @ 22.00  
Richmond Refined Bar Iron.....2 1/2 @ 2 3/4  
Horse Shoes, Tredgair.....4 @ 4.00  
Mule.....5 @ 5.00

## CINCINNATI.

JANUARY 3.—Pig Iron.—Transactions during the past week were in small quantities, evening up for the year, and the same will doubtless obtain for this week. The outlook is as before on a large business, and firmer prices for all kinds. Sales have been confined mostly to Foundry grades, and at about the following quotations:

Hanging Rock Charcoal, Best Four-4 mos to cars dry.....\$26.00 @ 27.00  
No. 1 Hanging Rock Charcoal.....26.00 @ 26.50  
Foundry.....26.00 @ 26.50  
No. 1 Hanging Rock Charcoal, Coke, Foundry.....23.00 @ 23.50  
No. 2 Hanging Rock Charcoal, Coke, Foundry.....22.00 @ 22.50  
Stonewall Foundry.....22.00 @ 22.50  
No. 1 Stonewall, Softener.....21.00 @ 21.50  
No. 2 Stonewall, Softener.....20.50 @ 21.00  
No. 3 Stonewall, Silvery.....19.00 @ 20.00  
Manufactured Iron.—Very firm at \$2.15 @ \$2.25, card rate; offerings of large orders refused at less than \$2.25 rate.

## Our English Letter.

## Review of the British Iron, Steel, Metal and Hardware Trades.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

LONDON, ENG., December 29, 1880.

## THE TRADE OUTLOOK

cannot be truthfully said to have undergone any very material change during the seven days which have elapsed since the date of my last week's letter. As a matter of fact, we do not look for any trade movements of importance during the last few weeks of the year, so that, even if we had now to complain of a great amount of stagnation, the matter would not be regarded as being of especial moment, but rather as being an ordinary characteristic of the penultimate business week of the closing year. It chances, however, that at the moment we do not hear many serious complaints. On the contrary, the general situation may be described as being one of considerable content—not of perfect satisfaction, I will admit, with things as they are, but with a very widespread idea that although matters are not, by any means, at their best, yet that they are anything but at their worst. Broadly interpreted, this opinion may be read as meaning a moderate degree of current satisfaction and a strong reliance upon the contingencies of the early future. As I have given your readers to understand in more than one of my recent letters, there is a very respectable turnover now in progress in several of our leading metallurgical industries—perhaps in the

great majority of them. This current briskness is of itself rather cheerful and cheering to all concerned, and it may, perhaps, be largely responsible for the buoyancy of tone which is generally observable throughout our markets. The year 1880, it is felt, will certainly end in a manner which will stand a comparison with most of its recent predecessors, both as regards orders in hand and the course of prices. Further than that, there are many circumstances which give greater confidence as to the possibility of commerce in the new year than has been the case for several years past toward the Christmas season. To these circumstances it would scarcely be practicable for me to make detailed allusion at present, but I may point to the state of the crude iron markets as good examples of that which I allege. In these markets we are confronted by reserve stocks and a current production greater than ever before known, particularly as regards Scotch, Cleveland and hematite pigs; yet, in the teeth of these facts, prices are not merely steady, but are advancing, and there is a concurrence of firmness in all directions. This, alone, is a remarkable indication of a hopeful feeling entertained, and it is confirmed by the knowledge that buyers are almost generally endeavoring to make themselves safe by entering into contracts for deliveries extending over a considerable portion, or the whole, of the first quarter of 1881. Producers, as a rule, are by no means inclined to bind themselves and sacrifice their independence of action by agreeing to such proposals, yet we find that a certain number of them have not sufficient faith in the future to resist the temptation, and have, accordingly, entered into arrangements for forward deliveries at prices somewhat above those now current. It is not possible to ascertain to what extent this forward selling has extended, but there is reason for believing that it is not at all widespread, the fears of makers that they might again be made the footfalls of speculators having overruled their inclinations to do business on the terms offered. At the same time, it is possible that a good deal of iron may have been so arranged for, and it is the expectation that such is the case, which has led to the general firmness of the market. Leaving this question for the time being, and going on broader grounds, it is becoming increasingly evident that the course of prices early in January will, of necessity, be influenced by the determination of the exact quantity of iron held in Scotland. The quantity in Connal's Glasgow stores is, of course, ascertained and published week by week. The tonnage in makers' own yards, on the other hand, is only definitely ascertained and made known at the end of each year, although an approximate idea is doubtless possessed by a few knowing ones at other times. The ascertaining of the exact total reserve is a matter left with the Committee of Ironmasters, who will this year meet on December 23, for the purpose of receiving and formulating the returns made to them. The outcome of their meeting will be awaited with the highest possible interest and expectancy, inasmuch as any notable comparative increase or decrease would inevitably have an immediate influence on prices, not only in Scotland itself, but elsewhere. At present the matter is regarded as a profound secret—a secret not to be fathomed in anticipation at any price. Last year the total stock of pig iron in Scotland at Christmas was 745,000 tons, of which 415,000 tons were in Connal's warehouses. This year there will be, as nearly as possible, 500,000 tons in Connal's stores, and it is not at all unlikely that the aggregate quantity may be ascertained to be 830,000 to 850,000 tons. With the exception of the strike period in the early autumn, the output has been heavy and in advance of last year. Against that fact is to be set an increase in the shipments of about 95,000 tons, and possibly an augmented local consumption. Besides these points, it is known that makers have been pouring iron into store in order to obtain warrants for it, warrants having been much more readily saleable during a greater portion of the 12 months than the iron itself. For the last-named reason, there is an impression that makers may not, after all, have so much iron in their yards as is feared. Whether that impression is likely to be verified by events, or the contrary, cannot now be at all accurately inferred, but my own opinion is that quite as much stock is on hand as is anticipated, and that in all probability it will be found to be nearer (or on the upper side of) 850,000 tons rather than the low total of 800,000 tons, which is indicated by some of the vaticinations on the subject. If practicable, I will contrive to let you have the exact figures by wire as soon as known, so that your readers may be posted as to a fact which, more than any other, is certain to affect the course of prices on this side. It is already known that in Cleveland there will be about 320,000 tons in store by the end of December, so that under the most favorable conditions possible we shall have 1,100,000 tons of pig in reserve in those two districts alone, leaving out any account of the other iron making localities, where no statistics are published. These are big figures with which to begin a year, and it requires a good deal of assurance and buoyancy to maintain confidence and raise prices in spite of them. Such a disposition exists, notwithstanding, and I am under the impression that it will need nothing more than a fair amount of buying on your behalf to bring about a very marked revival. Your recent mail advices seem to give a decidedly favorable account of your various markets, and are so hopeful in tenor as to encourage many persons to indulge in day dreams (?) of a most rosy hue. Should these reports continue for two or three weeks longer, I fancy we may expect an upward movement here.

## SCOTCH PIG IRON

has been steadily firm during the week—particularly during the earlier portion of it—and warrants are some peace better than at the date of my previous report. A further increase in the operative furnaces has been made, bringing up the total number now blowing to 114 ordinary and 8 hematite, as against 100 ordinary same date last year. The stock in Connal's stores has likewise been augmented to the extent of 310,000 tons on the week, making the quantity held at

date 492,568 tons against 410,147 tons a year ago. The total increase in shipments in 1880 has been 94,621 tons, wholly to foreign destinations—indeed the coastwise shipments have decreased 2000 tons on the year to date. The imports of Middlesbrough pig into Grangemouth have increased 13,571 tons, on a total of 266,546 tons this year. Most of this increase has taken place quite recently. For ballast pig 45/ is still quoted. Good No. 1 brands are steady, according to John E. Swan & Bros., Limited, who make them a speciality. Writing from Glasgow December 17, James Watson & Co., said: "The iron market opened firm this week and the price of warrants advanced about 1/2, since then the tone has been quieter and only a small business has been transacted. On Monday the market opened at 50/11 1/2, cash, improving to 51/2 per ton, and on Tuesday the advance continued, with a good business done between 51/4 1/2 and 51/10, cash. On Wednesday transactions, took place between 51/10 1/2 and 51/7 1/2 per ton, and yesterday the market was steady, with a limited business done at 51/7 1/2 and 51/8, cash. To-day the price fluctuated between 51/8 1/2 and 51/6 1/2 per ton, closing with buyers at the lowest point. The shipments last week were 9049 tons, as compared with 5584 tons for the corresponding week of 1879. We quote:

	No. 1.	No. 2.
G. M. B., at Glasgow.....	52/6	50/6
Gartsherrrie, at Glasgow.....	53/	53/3
Coltness.....	53/	53/6
Summerlee.....	52/	52/
Langloan.....	53/	53/3
Carnbroe.....	53/	53/
Calder.....	52/6	53/
Glenarnock, at Ardrossan.....	51/	52/6
Leighton.....	53/	52/6
Dalmellington.....	53/	50/6
Shotts, at Leith.....	53/	54/6
Kinnell, at Bo'ness.....	53/6	51/
Carron, at Grangemouth.....	51/9	53/6

## CLEVELAND PIG IRON

is steady at the moment at the following prices, all for net cash, f. o. b. at makers' wharves in the Tees:

No. 1 Foundry.....	Mottled.....
2.....	39/3
3.....	39/3
4.....	39/3
No. 4 Forge.....	38/4

Throughout the whole of December to date the shipments from the port of Middlesbrough alone have averaged nearly 3000 tons daily, a rate of tonnage much above the average of the season. About 1300 tons of pig have been added to Connal's Middlesbrough stores within the week. Warrants (Cleveland) are to be had at about 40/9 per ton, but they are not dealt in on a scale which compares with the Glasgow transactions. The plate mills of the whole north of England are engaged at the moment. In the South Durham (Darlington, Consett, &c.) district alone the production of ship plates reaches 30,000 tons monthly, or over 1000 tons for every working day. Of this about one-half is the production of the Consett establishment. All the foundries, engineering works, &c., of Cleveland are well and fully employed.

## WEST COAST HEMATITES

are held at the subjoined rates, which represent current quotations for small and average lots, but which may be shaded by 2/6 to, perhaps, 5/ per ton for large lines.

No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.
Cleator.....	76/	74/
Lonsdale.....	66/	65/
Workington.....	66/	65/
Lowther.....	66/	65/
Moss Bay.....	66/	65/
Harrington.....	66/	65/
Solway.....	66/	65/
Maryport.....	66/	65/
Askrigg.....	66/	65/

Nearly the whole of the furnaces along the West Coast of Cumberland and in Furness are in blast, and their output is nine-tenths disposed of on actual consumptive account. Matters look quite cheery for the new year, as the reports to hand from all parts of the manufacturing world speak of great activity in the rail trade. There are a few circumstances tending to restrain any sudden or great advance in smelters' quotations, but on the whole the outlook is good. At some of the works Irish ores are being worked up.

## DEPHOSPHORIZATION

is just now very little heard of in outside circles; that is to say, there is nothing to speak of in the way of newspaper paragraphing or writing on the question, as was the case a short time ago. Although this is so, I believe it would be wholly and entirely wrong to conclude that the process has at all lost its interest, or that it is any more likely to fall short of complete success than it has been at any time since its first appearance on the stage of practical utility. I understand that Bolckow-Vaughan's are quite busy in their rail mills, where a large proportion of the material rolled down is that converted from Cleveland pig. These dephosphorized rails withstand all the ordinary tests of falling weights and the like, and are being put down on the lines of the Northeastern Railway Company—the company which virtually monopolizes the service of the whole of Cleveland. So well satisfied is Mr. Windsor Richards with his progress and with the general results of basic working, that he has almost cut off his ore importations from Spain, Elba, &c., and has "burned the boats," in a liberal sense, by selling some of the steamers which had been engaged in the traffic. Further than this, if my information is accurate, he is hurrying forward the construction of two additional 15-ton converters, which are also destined to be run on Cleveland pigs. The "hurry" of the matter is explained—with what degree of authenticity I do not venture to say—by the rumor that an order for 30,000 tons of rails is on offer to the concern, but cannot be accepted at present owing to the production of the works (2500 to 2800 tons weekly) being unequal to the demand. It is generally understood that two new concerns will shortly be started in Cleveland or Durham for steel making by the basic process. At Sheffield, Brown, Bayley & Dixon are quietly working out a way of their own, but I do not quite gather that they are proceeding exactly in the same lines of procedure as Bolckow-Vaughan's. Abroad, Messrs. Thomas & Gilchrist appear to be pushing their invention with much success, judging from the following paragraph which appears in the *Ironmonger* of Dec. 18: "The Teplitz Bessemer Works in Bohemia, following the example

of the Witkowitz and Kladno Works, commenced the manufacture of steel by the Thomas-Gilchrist process last month, and have obtained entirely satisfactory results. It is understood that the new Bessemer works, erected specially for this process by Messrs. D. Wendel at Hayange, will get to work early in February, while those of Messrs. Stumm will also be in operation early in the spring. Both these works will use the cheap phosphoric pig of German Lorraine." Messrs. Thomas & Gilchrist appear to be inclined to dispute Mr. Holley's laurels, as they are proceeding with a fresh patent for relining, repairing, &c., Bessemer converters.

## THE TELEPHONE

has to-day received a serious blow—a shock, indeed—which is more than electrical. The post-office is declared to have a monopoly of telegraphic messages; the telephone is a method of sending messages; therefore the post-office has a monopoly of the telephone in Great Britain. Such an issue is of tremendous consequence to us. It has been so decided by Mr. Justice Stephen this afternoon, after a very long trial and a most patient hearing on the part of the judge. The suit was one of the Postmaster-General against the Edison Telephone Company, and in it a number of able counsel and eminent scientific witnesses have appeared. The Court of Exchequer, in which the case has been tried, has been graced with all kinds of telegraphic, magnetic, telephonic, photonic and other variations of the original idea, and the judge, counsel and other persons present have not only been indulged in a series of nice experiments, but have had the privilege of learning all about currents, resistance, ohms, statics and dynamics, and the dreadful jaw-breakers in which your purely scientific witness revels. The arguments on both sides have been purely legal quibbles, or admirable examples of persiflage on minor points, but the result has been as I have stated—the Postmaster-General has gained the victory. As the matter will no doubt interest many of the readers of *The Iron Age*, I append a brief summary of the judgment given by Mr. Justice Stephen: "Having referred to the circumstances connected with the formation of the company to work Mr. Edison's invention, his lordship described the construction and mode of working the telephone, and the terms on which and the method by which messages were transmitted from one customer of the company to another. He then proceeded to point out that by the 4th section of the 3d and 4th Vic., cap. 73, the Postmaster-General was given the exclusive privilege of transmitting telegrams within the United Kingdom, and by the 3d section the word 'telegram' was defined as meaning any message or other communication transmitted by telegraph; the term 'telegraph' was, in addition, described as 'including any apparatus for transmitting messages or other communications by means of electric signals.' By these enactments, as well as by the Telegraph Act of 1873, the Postmaster-General was invested with the exclusive privilege of transmitting messages or other communications intended for transmission by any wires used for the purpose of telegraphic communication, or by any apparatus for transmitting messages or other communications by means of electric signals. The result of definitions laid down seemed to be that any apparatus used for transmitting messages by electric signal was a telegraph, whether wires were used or not, and that any apparatus using wire was a telegraph, whether the communication was made by electricity or not. The case for the Crown was that every conversation held between A and B, who were customers of the company, and used their apparatus, was 'a message or other communication transmitted by a wire used for the purpose of telegraphic communication, and that every communication was transmitting a telegram within the meaning of the Act.' His lordship having referred to the arguments put forth for the defendant, and having read the opinions of several eminent scientific men as to the difference between telephonic communication and the ordinary telegraph, said that he did not consider it necessary to express any opinion on the controversy, which was more scientific than legal. His opinion was that an apparatus connected by wires for the purpose of transmitting communications was a telegraph within the definition laid down in the act of 1863, and the wording of the act was wide enough to cover further instruments which were not then invented which involved the use of electricity conveyed by wires for the purposes of communication. In looking at what was the real meaning and intention of the various enactments relating to the subject, it was difficult to believe that the Legislature in passing them intended to grant a monopoly in telegraphic communication to the Postmaster-General which was liable to be defeated, and the language of the statutes was to be so construed as to be limited to the then state of the most progressive of all the sciences, and he, therefore, held that the telephone was a telegraph within the meaning of the acts of 1863 and 1867. The conversations held through a telephone were either a message or communication transmitted by telegraph, that there was no doubt the Legislature meant to prohibit private communication, and that every conversation through the telephone was an infringement of the Postmaster-General's exclusive privilege. He, therefore, gave judgment for the Crown, with costs. Pending an appeal, however, no injunction would be issued to restrain the Telephone Company from carrying on their business, provided they undertook to keep an account of all messages transmitted over their wires."

The outcome of this litigation will be, I presume, that the telephone companies will be bought up by the government, who will either carry on the exchanges now in operation or will "smash them" for the benefit of the ordinary post office telegraphs. The decision is to be regretted, especially as furnishing a capital example of the way we don't have internal free trade. Apart from the legal view of the case, I think we must all deeply deplore a decision which will utterly put a stop to all further progress with any apparatus for facilitating local or intramural intercommunication in this country.

Government monopolies have their advantages, but they are not given to encourage invention and progress.

## FOREIGN.

## FRANCE.

(*Moniteur des Interets Materiels.*)  
PARIS, Dec. 3, 1880.—Metals.—The weather has continued mild, and business dull. Metals have, however, been tolerably active and well sustained; there has been even a slight improvement in all but Copper, the latter remaining steady. We quote at the close Copper, Chili Bars, 100 lbs. @ 15.75 francs the 100 kilos.; Tin, Banca, 55 francs; Billiton, 55.50; Straits and Australian, 55, and English, 24 1/2; Lead, 37.50 @ 38.50, and Spelter, 41.50 @ 42. Iron.—The improvement in values alluded to in our last seems to be maintained. Dealers are getting 18.50 francs per 100 kilos. for Merchant Iron, and the price may soon be advanced to 20 francs. Pig Iron follows in the same upward direction. Iron for flooring is worth 18; Sheet Iron, 28 @ 30, and Nails No. 25, in bulk, 25 francs. At the North the basis for Merchant Iron is still 17, with a slight upward tendency; it will soon probably be 18. In the Haute Marne a good many orders are dropping in and prices are looking up a little. Coke Iron sells at 13 @ 13.50, and Charcoal ditto at 24 @ 25. There is great activity in the Ardennes; all works are busily engaged. Hardware manufacturers and nail makers have got many orders on hand. They quote Merchant Iron, 17 @ 17.50. In the Meurthe and Moselle "Affinage" Pig Iron has advanced from 6 francs to 6.50 francs. The make of blast furnaces there is engaged for the first half year of 1881. "Moulage" Pig has risen to 8 francs No. 3, an advance of 2 francs. Coal.—The market here is flat in consequence of the mild weather, but at the North and in the Pas-de-Calais there is still a fair amount of activity in the demand for Coal for industrial wants.

## BELGIUM.

(*Revue Industrielle.*)  
BRUSSELS, Dec. 10, 1880.—Iron.—The tendency here has become a much firmer one. In response to the favorable advice received from France and the rather numerous orders received from America and the extreme East. The branches most favored with commands are the steel works, the machine shops and the bolt works. Steel is in good request; Pig Iron is firmer; although no downright advance has been established during the week, prices are decidedly firmer; Pig Iron is moving off with greater ease than in the past few days. Merchant Iron has been well upheld, and has sold at 11.50 francs. Some orders for the same have dropped in and a good many inquiries have been made. The general aspect is an improved one, and every day now expects a vigorous opening of trade as soon as we shall have fairly got into the new year. There are, indeed, no disturbing elements perceptible in any direction, and we have such a workable range of values that there is plenty of room for gradual improvement. All we hope for is that whatever advance there may be in prospect may not be a precipitate one, started and supported by speculation. Coal.—This fuel still remains in good position, the shipments made at all quarters being active. If the weather had been cold the movement would have been still more impulsive. As it is, it is satisfactory.

## GERMANY.

(*Borsen-Zeitung.*)  
HAMBURG, December, 1880.—Iron.—Our Dortmund correspondent writes: "The Iron market here has hardly undergone any change since I last reported to you. Activity at the Steel works remains satisfactory, although various lots of Steel Rails have been sold to go abroad at prices involving loss to the producer. In the remaining branches a greater demand is not yet perceptible, but the tendency in rolled steel is not favorable. As Sheets, is a little firmer. There is a somewhat better prospect also for Siegen Pig, and it may be stated that there is a belief that business in general is approaching a revival. At present, however, a rise in articles in the Iron line similar to the one we had a year since. Prices are, meanwhile, unaltered. We quote Bar Iron 115. No. 2 Sheets 180 and Boiler Sheets 100, basis, at 100 francs. Coal.—The continued mild weather is not favorable to Coal; so far there is no decline, but if winter does not set in in good earnest soon quite a tumble in prices seems inevitable. For the moment all the Coal turned out is disposed of at current rates. Shipments begin to flag a little; we approach the dull Christmas time." There is no change in metals.

## HOLLAND.

(*Koch & Vlierboom.*)  
ROTTERDAM, Dec. 14, 1880.—Tin.—The market during the week under review has been very quiet. Banca may be had to-day at 55 guilders and Billiton at 54.75 per 50 kilos. Dec. 21.—Since the above was written the price has risen 25¢ per 50 kilos.

## AUSTRIA.

(*Austrian Trade Journal.*)  
VIENNA, Dec. 19, 1880.—Iron.—In common with the generally firmer feeling on the Continent, the important orders received in Austria from France for locomotives and railroad cars, as well as the building of iron stores at Pesth, have given confidence. The consequence of all this is less anxiety on the part of producers to do business at current rates, at least for future delivery. This is all the more noteworthy, as but a week or two ago there were few who believed that prices could be upheld throughout the dull season now at hand. The conviction seems to have been gained now that prices have at all events touched bottom. There are locomotives now building here, and our locomotive shops going for six months to come. There are good hopes, too, that the good harvest we have had in Austria will improve the coming spring trade, and that then the local railroads will all be built with vigor, and move so that has hitherto been the case; at least there have been granted a good many concessions for new lines. Meanwhile our rolling mills are not very busy, but have, on the contrary, discharged some hands. The smaller machine shops, on the other hand, have received many orders for repairs and small machinery. The Steyr Arms Manufactory is busily engaged. The same now employs 3000 operatives, and is filling contracts for Greece, Roumania, France and China. Hardware is inactive, but prices are firm. Metals are steady. We quote Copper, 70 @ 85; Tin, 121 @ 123; Lead, 20.50 @ 21; and Spelter, 19 @ 20.50 for the 100 kilos.

## CHILI.

(*Weber & Co.*)  
VALPARAISO, Nov. 2, 1880.—Copper.—The market opened at \$10 per quintal on shore, at which more would have been taken, but holders insisted upon \$10.25, at which a couple of lots, Chanaral and Lambert, sold, when producers withdrew, expecting lower exchange in view of the failure of peace negotiations. Finally, a few sales were effected at \$11 @ \$11.5. Total sales 20,475 quintals. Nitrate.—Under the influence of the excitement in the exchange market large dealings took place, notwithstanding dull advices from Europe. Later on these improved, while exchange declined; holders asked more, but as suitable vessels are scarce little was done. Sales, 204,300 quintals at \$1.25 @ \$1.55. Shipments in October, 2,200 tons to Europe and 400 to the United States, all from Iquique, Talai and Antofagasta. Coal.—A cargo of Cardiff sold at 31/ for Iquique, and of three cargoes Orrell, just arrived, one brought the same price for steamer use. For the coast this figure cannot be got as long as the stock there is sufficient. Exchange has, from 30 1/2, declined to 28 1/2, 90 days in London.

The Thomas Patent in Germany.—The *Berliner Borsen-Zeitung* says that the action in re the Thomas-Gilchrist patent, which has been brought against the Horder Bergwerks-und Hütten-Verein, and against the company owning the Rheinische Stahlwerke, has again been decided in favor of the companies sued upon appeal. The new judgment, moreover, is said to decide several auxiliary points in favor of the above companies, which had not been touched upon in the first judgment, or had been differently explained.





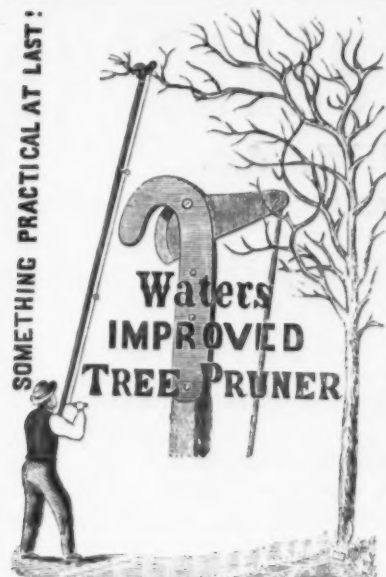


**Hose Pipe Nozzles.**—Who is going to invent the nozzle of the future? There is no nozzle that we have ever seen that seems to us to control the stream it delivers as it should do. Instead of projecting a solid stream for a long distance, the water breaks soon after leaving the nozzle, and soon sprays and breaks up altogether. We often hear of steamers throwing 250 and 300 feet, but we recently heard a veteran chief say that he had yet to see the apparatus of any kind that would throw a solid stream 100 feet. The difficulty may be all with the water, which is naturally inclined to separate, but we are of the opinion that part of the trouble lies in the construction of the nozzle. An experiment made at Boston by putting a core into a play pipe, and thus dividing the stream into four parts, depriving it of its rotary motion, showed a gain of 30 feet in distance playing. But even this does not seem sufficient. Our steamers give us power enough for throwing, and the hose in use gives every facility for carrying a large volume of water. There should be some means devised for delivering that volume in a solid stream at long distances. Great difficulty has been found in making nozzles operate uniformly at all times. A manufacturer of steamers once found a nozzle that gave him great satisfaction; with it his steamers could throw greater distances than with any he had ever tried before. He ordered half a dozen just like it. The half a dozen were made precisely like the first, but never equalled it in delivering water. There is much to be learned yet regarding this question of delivering water on fires, and the exact relation existing between pressure, hose, play pipes, nozzles, and the friction of water.—*Fireman's Journal.*

The credit of the invention of binocular glasses has been usually assigned to a certain Bohemian friar, Father de Rheita, who died at Ravenna in 1660. His treatise was published in 1645. In 1677 there appeared in Paris a volume entitled "La Vision l'arfaite," by Pere Cherubin, of Orleans, which contained an account of some improvements on de Rheita's discovery, illustrated by excellent copper-plate engravings. Later, however, Signor Govi has unearthed in the Bibliotheque Nationale a printed document which proves the antiquity of binocular glasses to be a little more remote. This document is a placard by one Chores, of Paris, and says that the "admirable lunettes" it describes and which are represented by accompanying figures, were invented by Chores and dedicated to the King in 1625.

Two vagrants, named Barney Duffy and John Mahoney, on Christmas evening laid down on the cinders carted from the Passaic rolling mill on the vacant lots at the junction of the Newark branch of the Erie with the main line at the southern end of Paterson. Duffy was overcome by the gas from the smoldering heap, and Mahoney made him coffee in an old tin can, and then procuring aid carried him to St. Joseph's Hospital near by. Mahoney went back and lay down on the cinders. He was found dead and burned to a crisp, his toes having been burned completely off. He had been asphyxiated, and the wind had freshened in the night and fanned the cinders to a glow. The body was still burning when found by John Flanagan.

Messrs. Graham & Haines, of this city, exhibited the Hubbard binder and gleaner at the Smithfield Club show for the first time in England.



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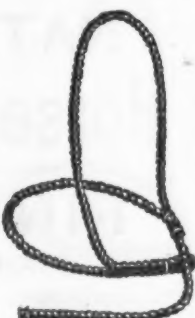
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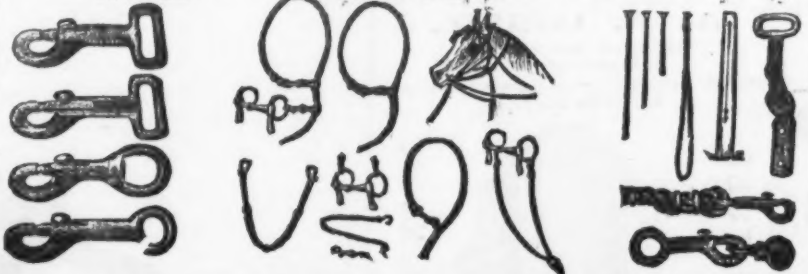
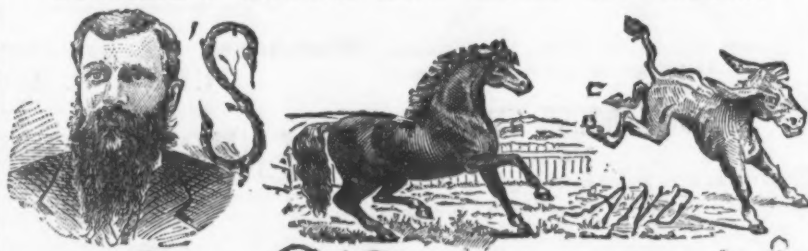


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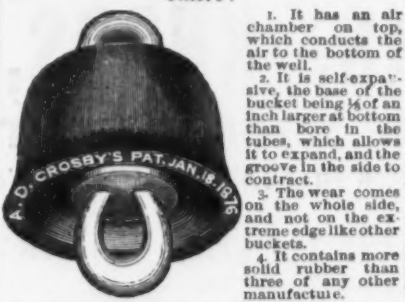


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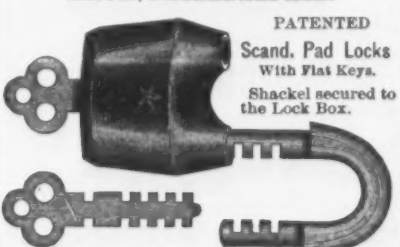
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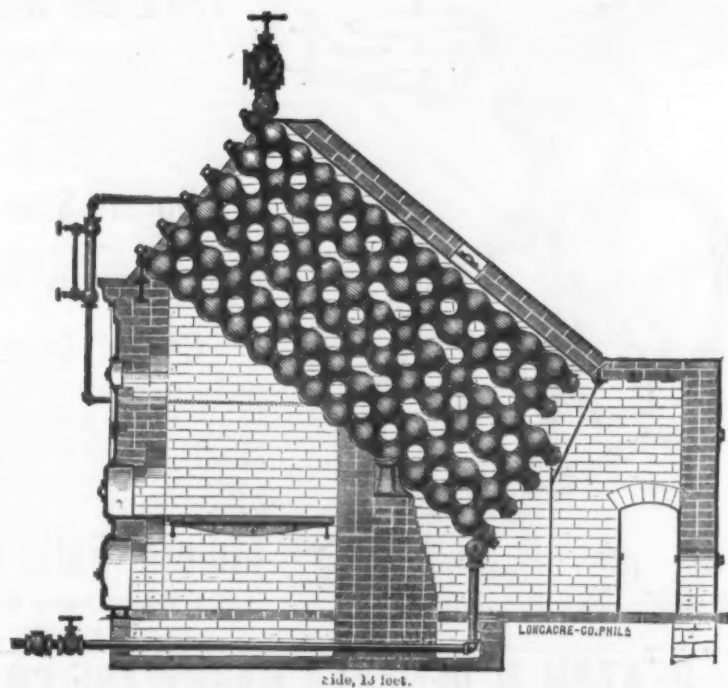
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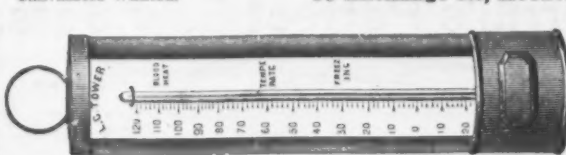
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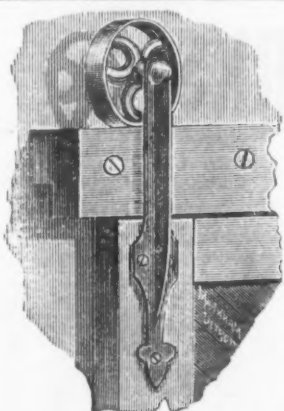
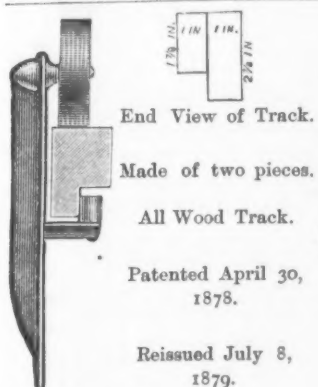
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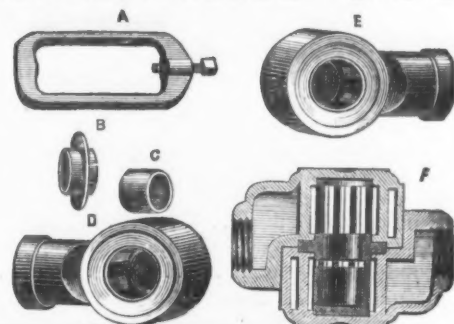
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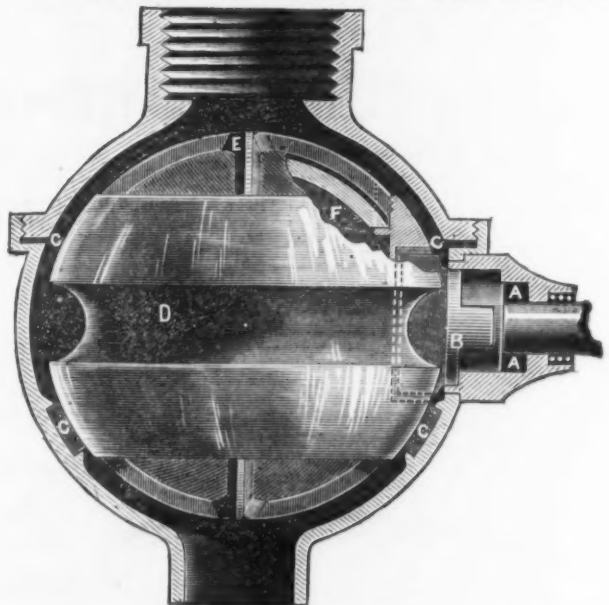
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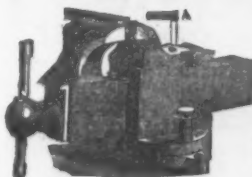
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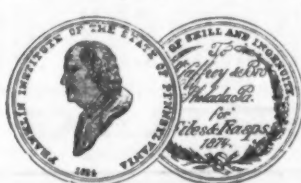
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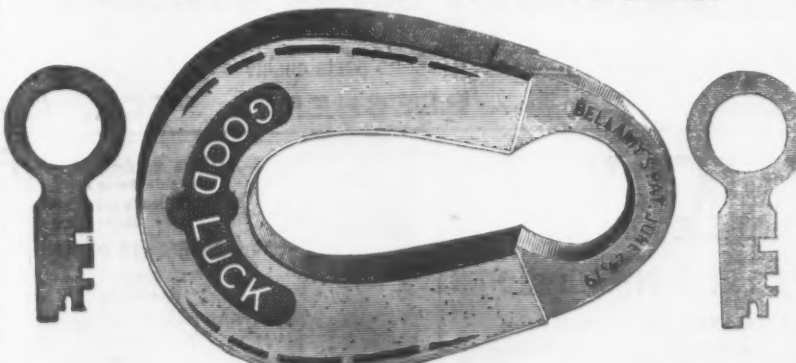
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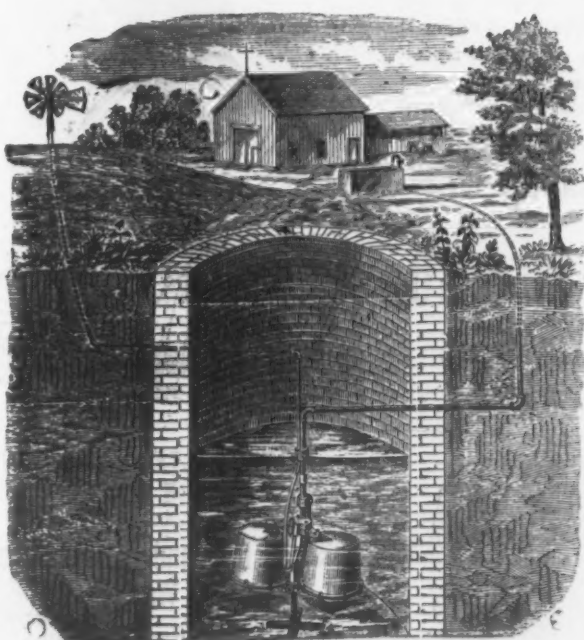
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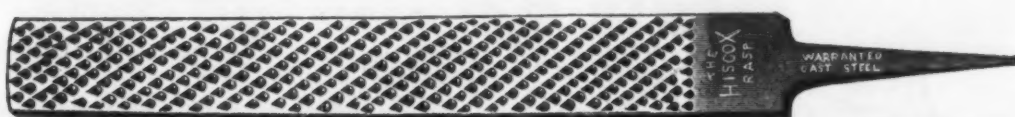
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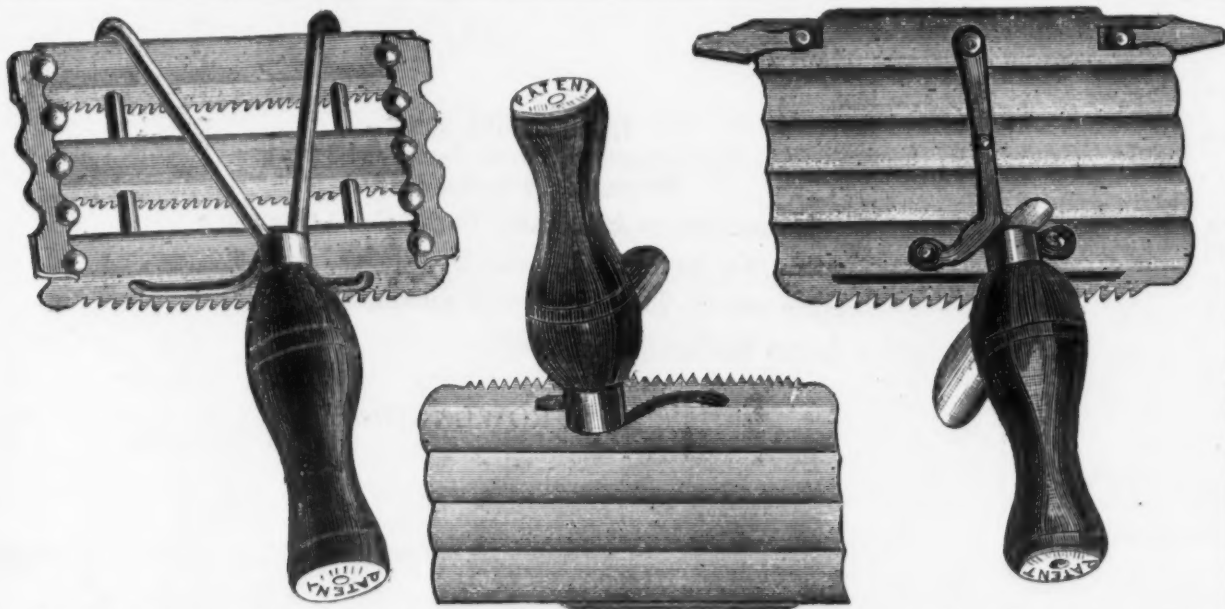
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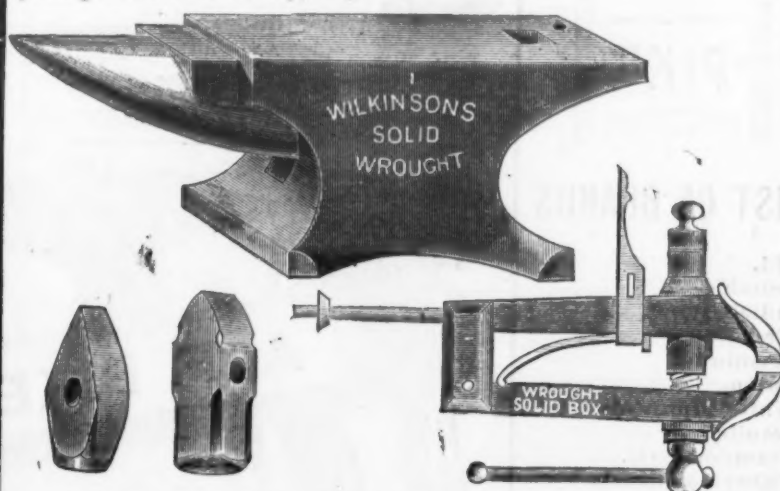
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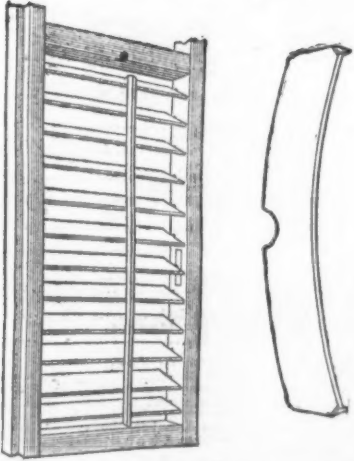
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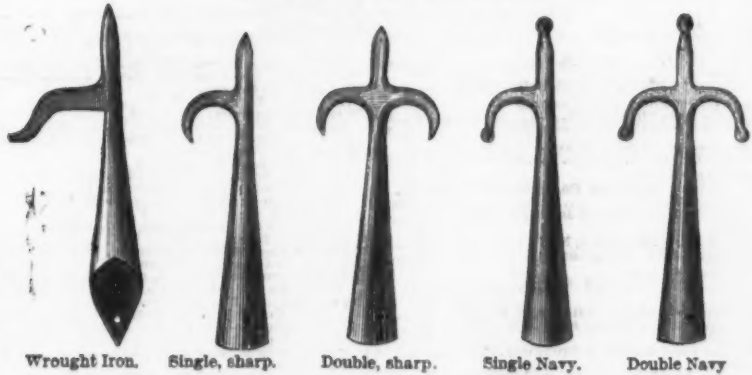
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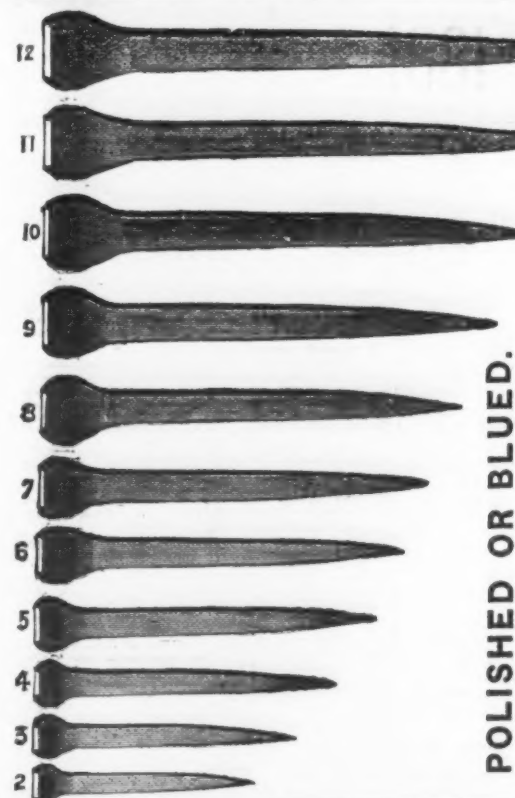
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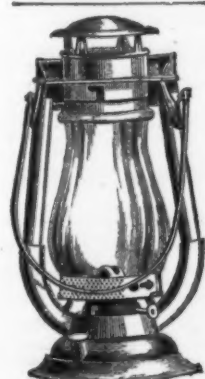
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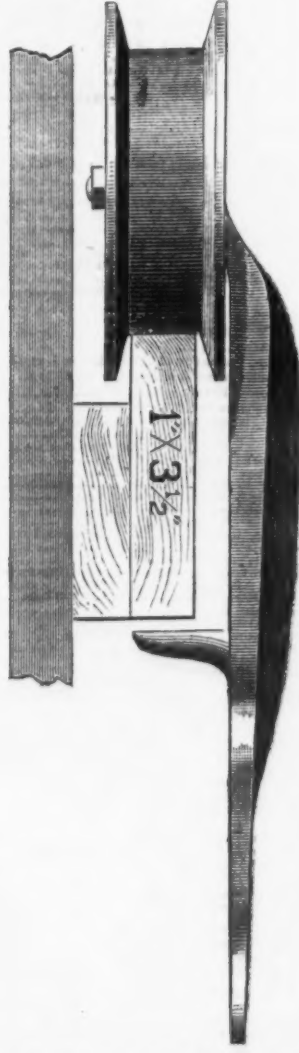
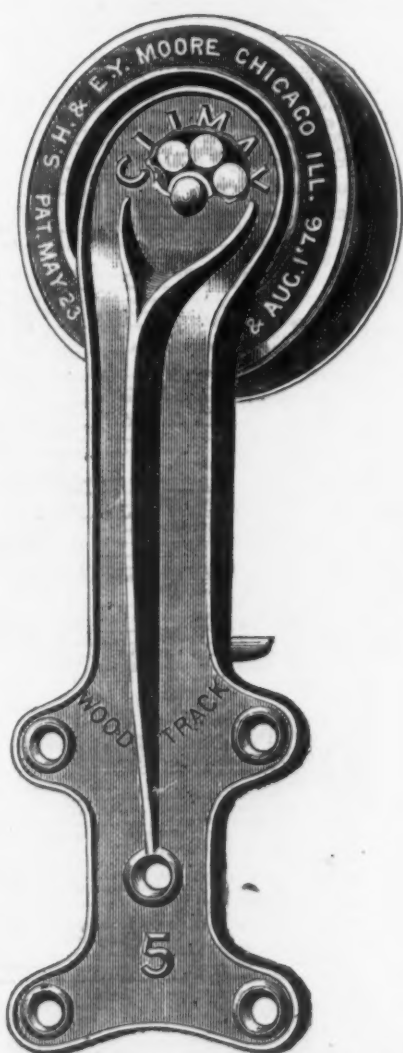
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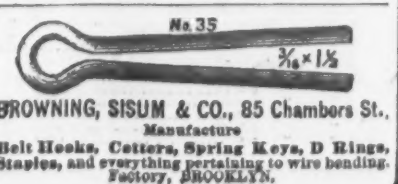
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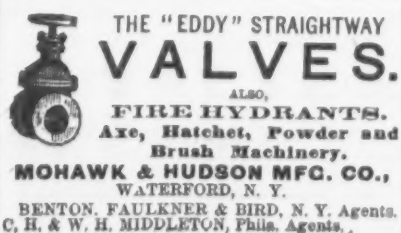
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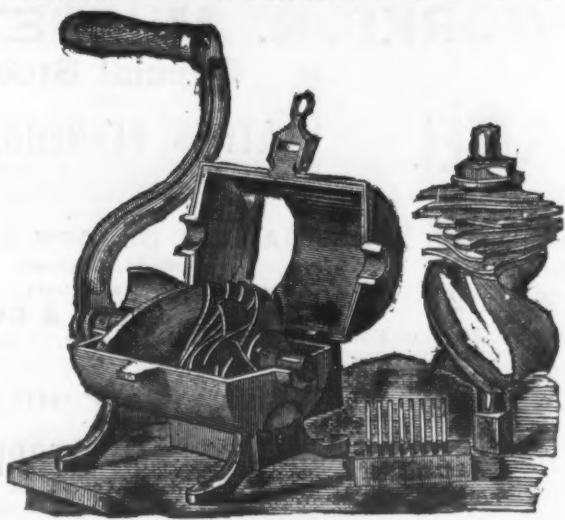








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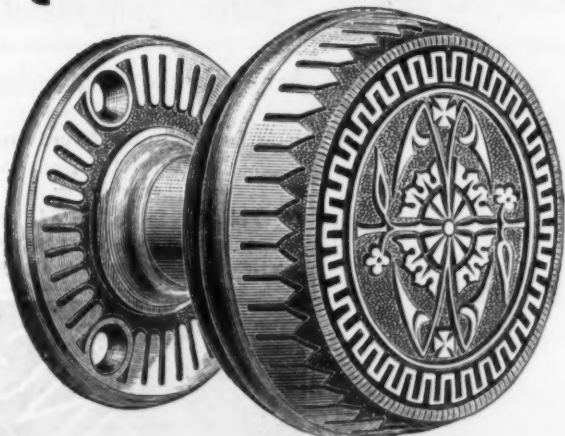
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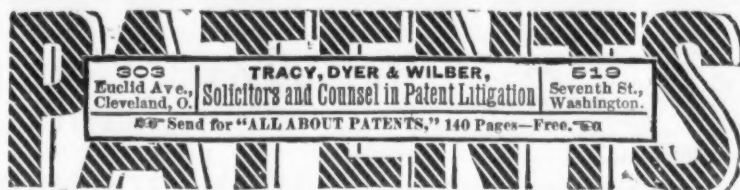
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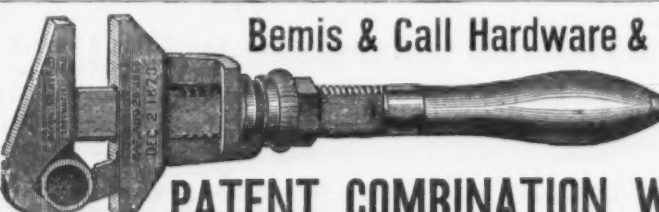
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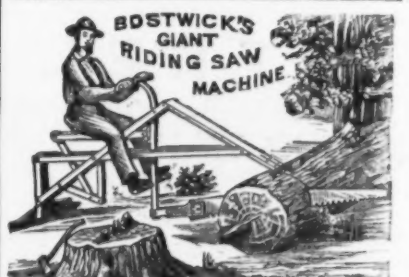
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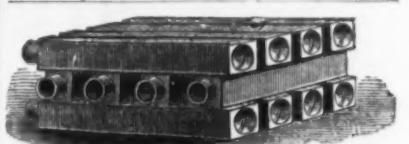
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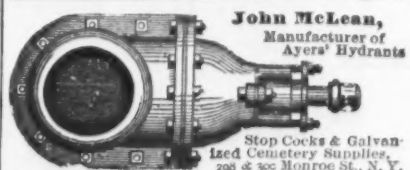
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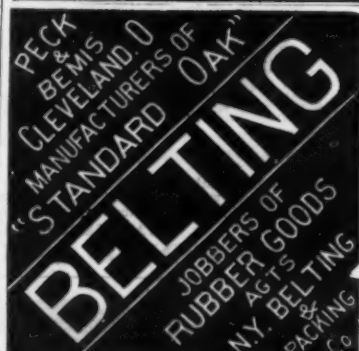
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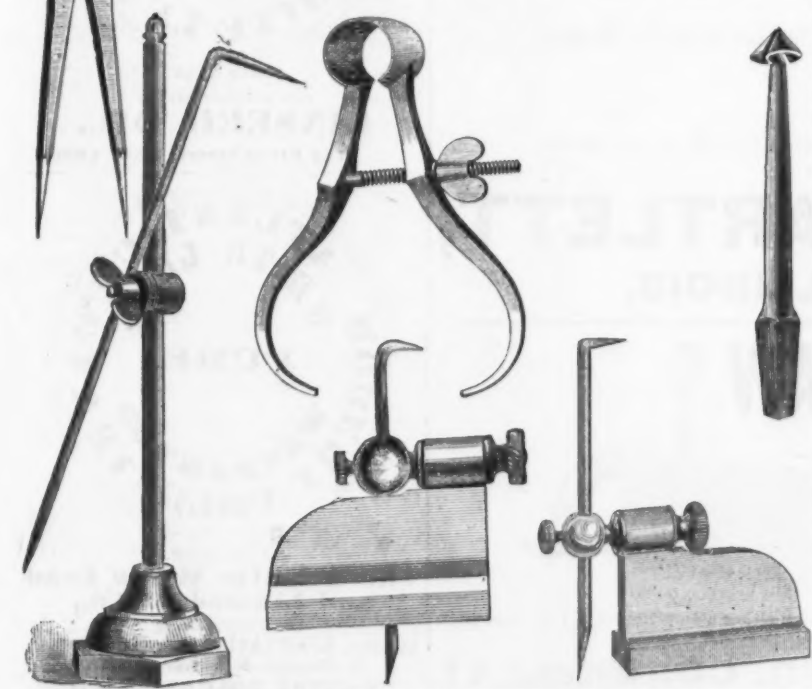
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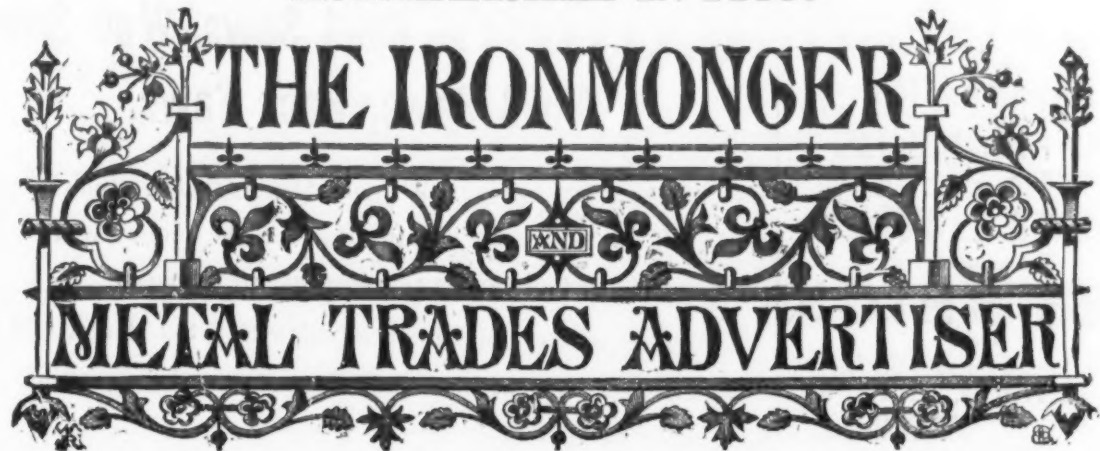
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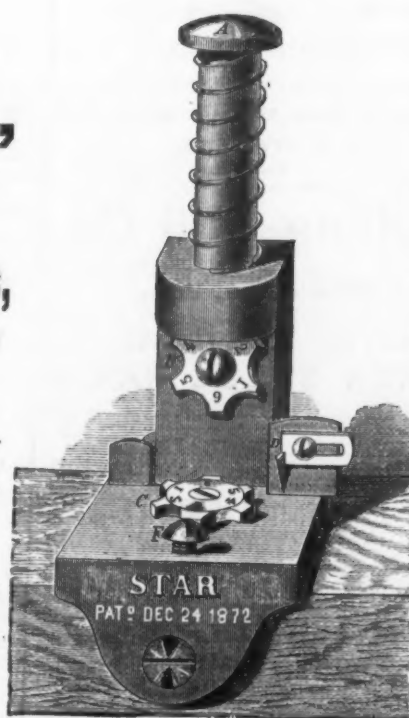
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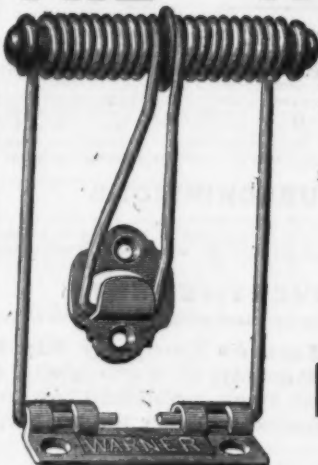
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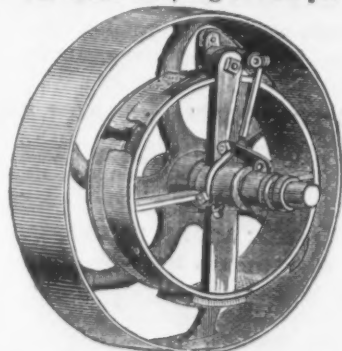
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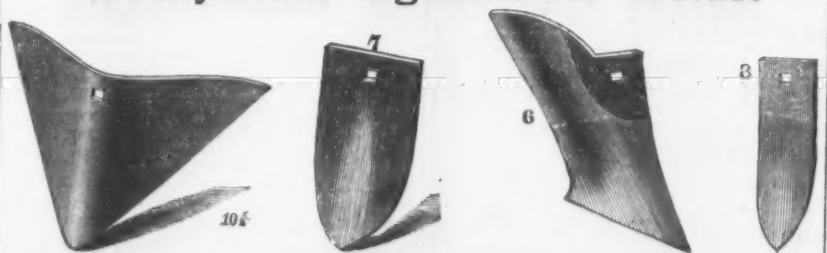
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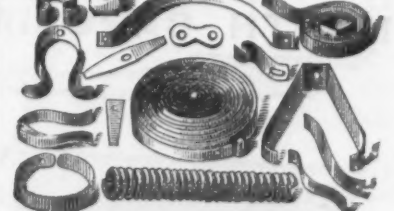
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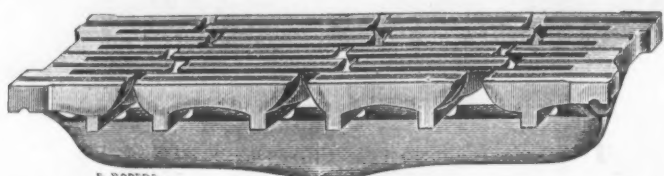






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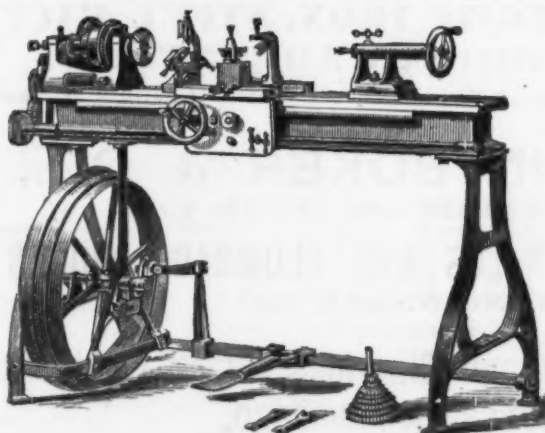
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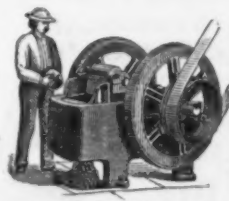
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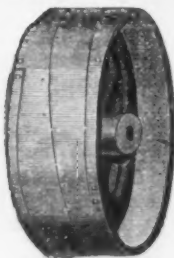
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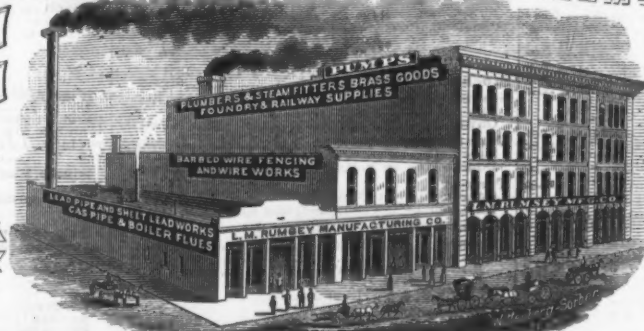
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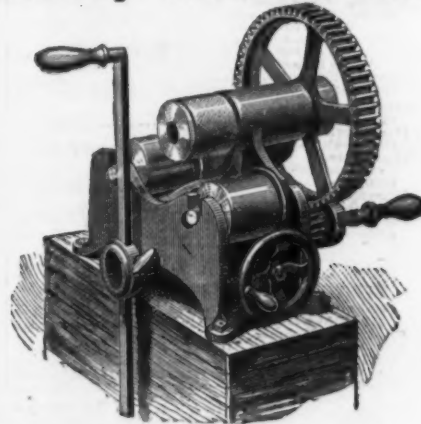
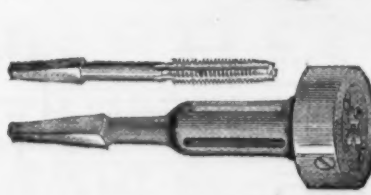
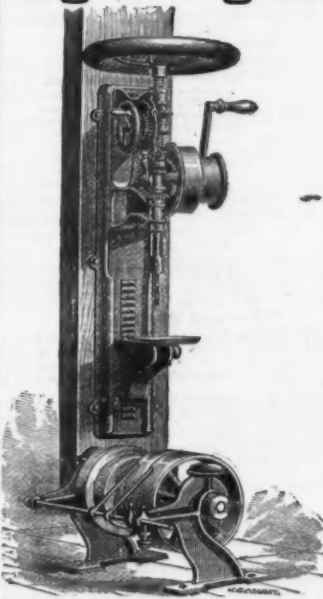
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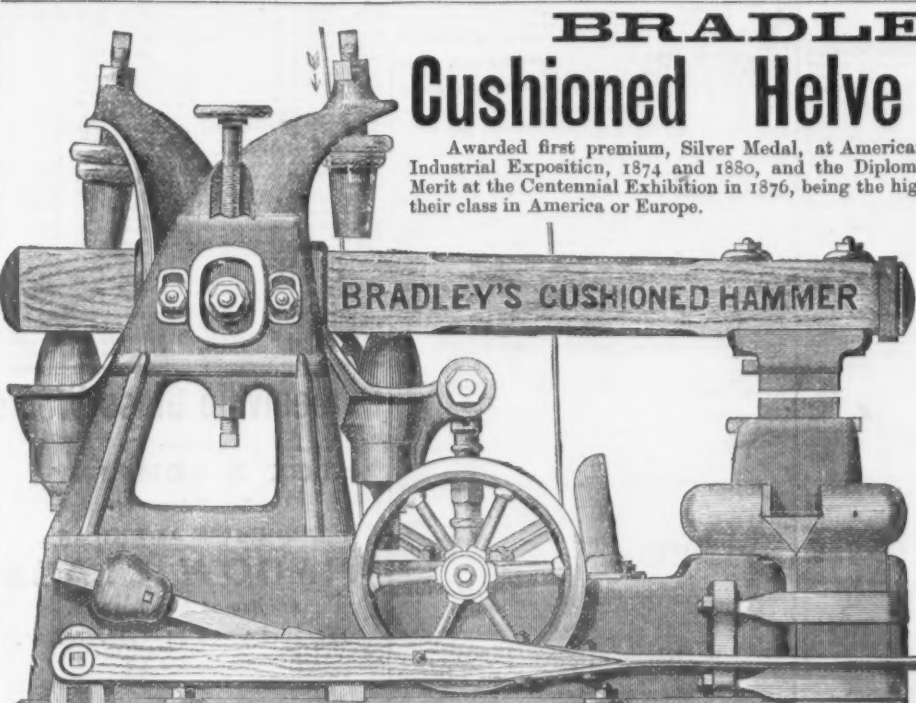


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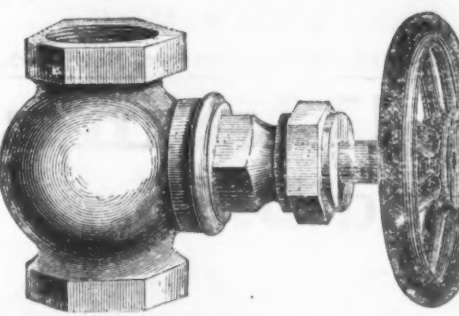
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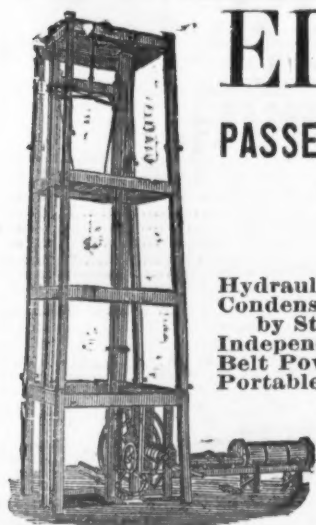
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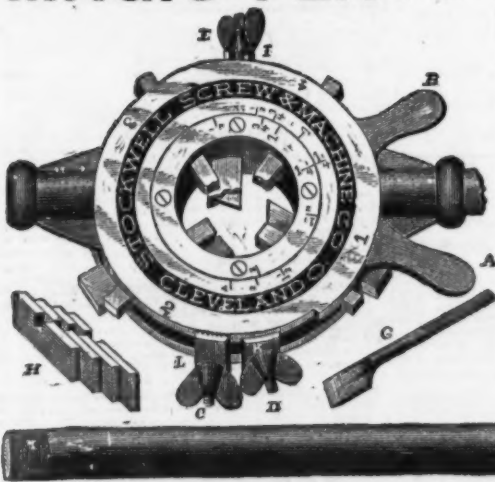
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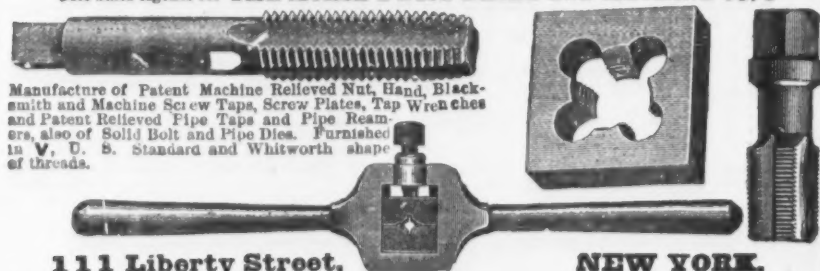
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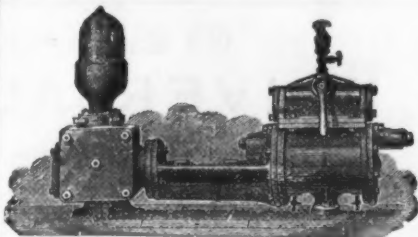
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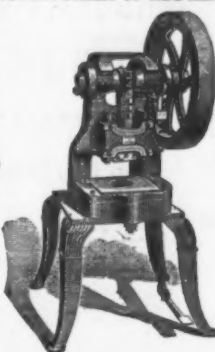
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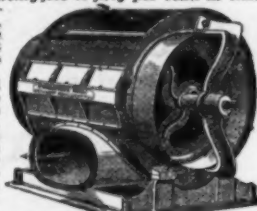
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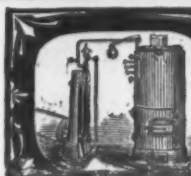
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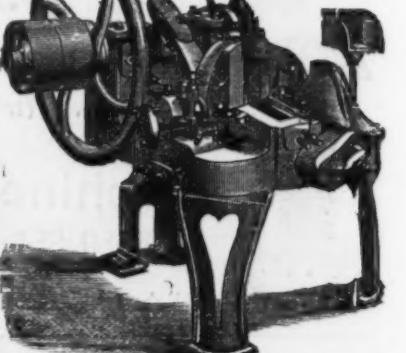
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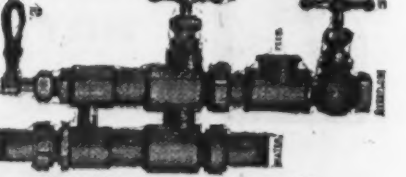
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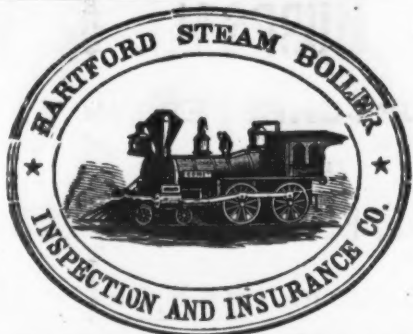
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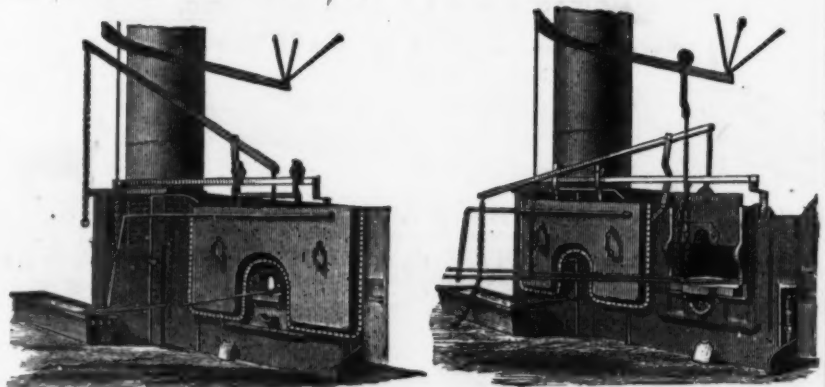
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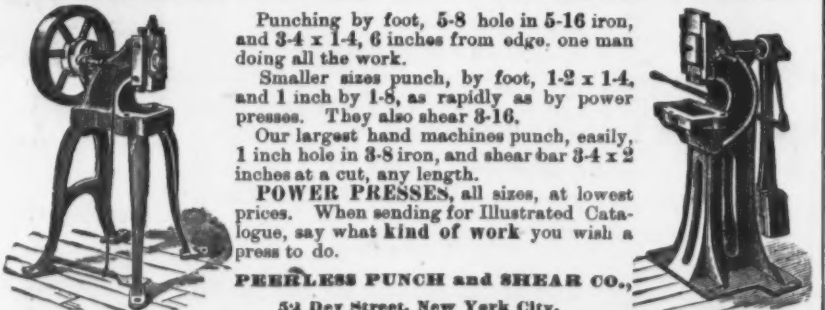
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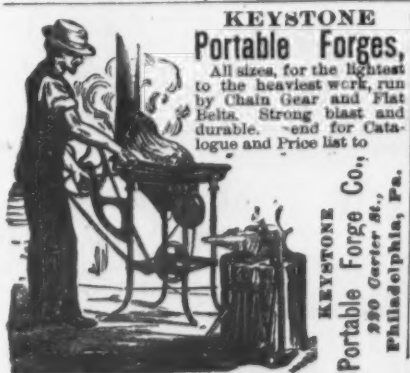
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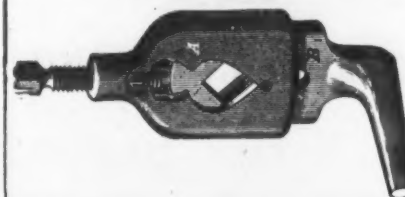
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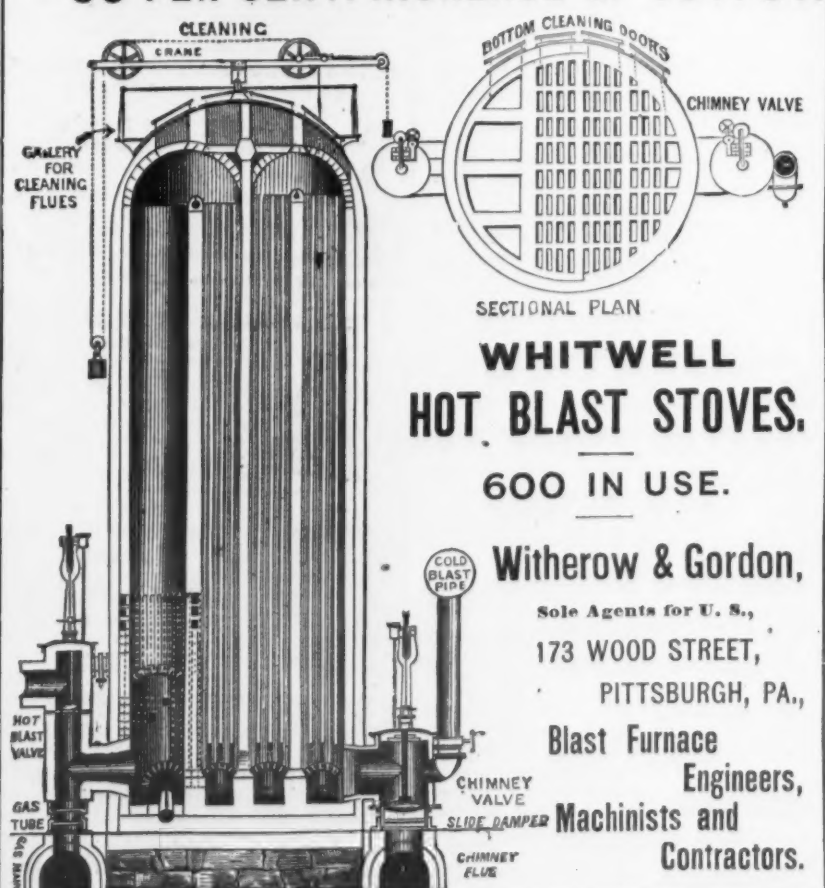
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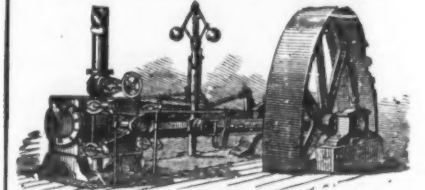
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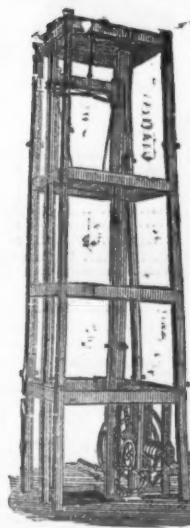
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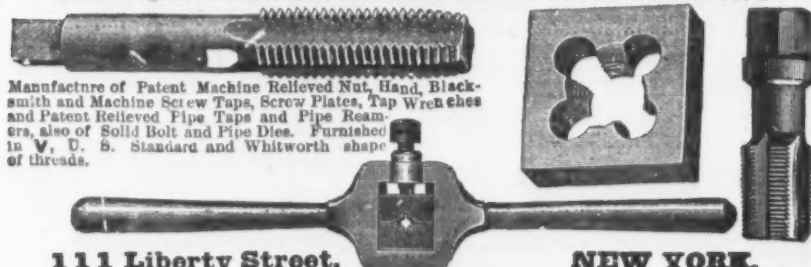
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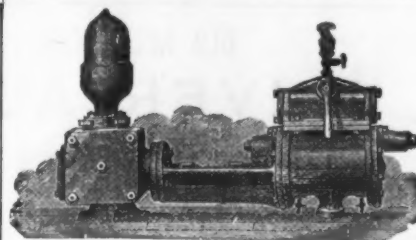
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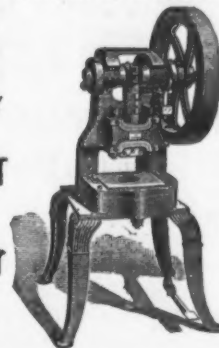
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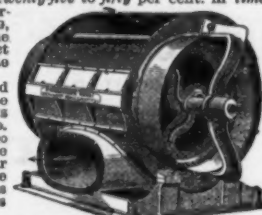
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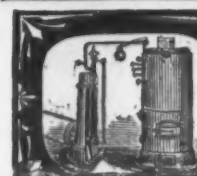
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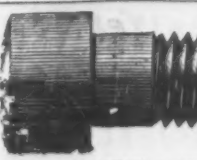
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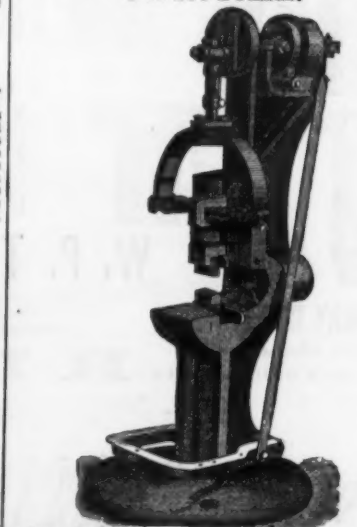
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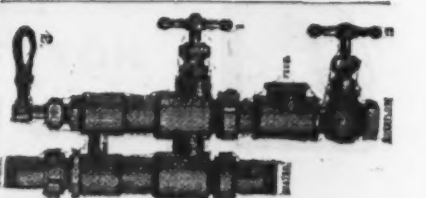


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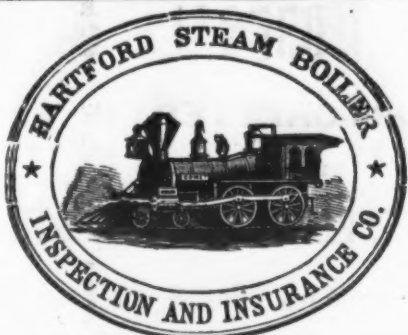
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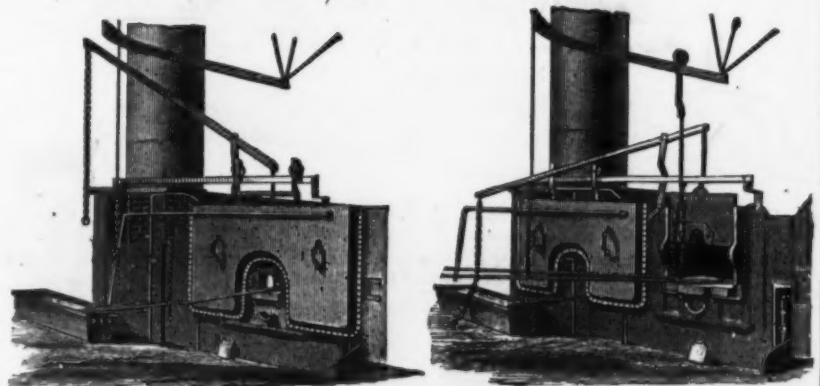
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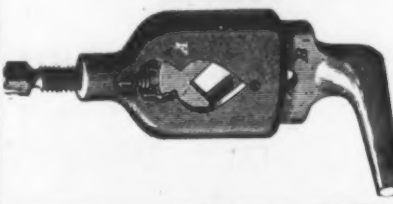
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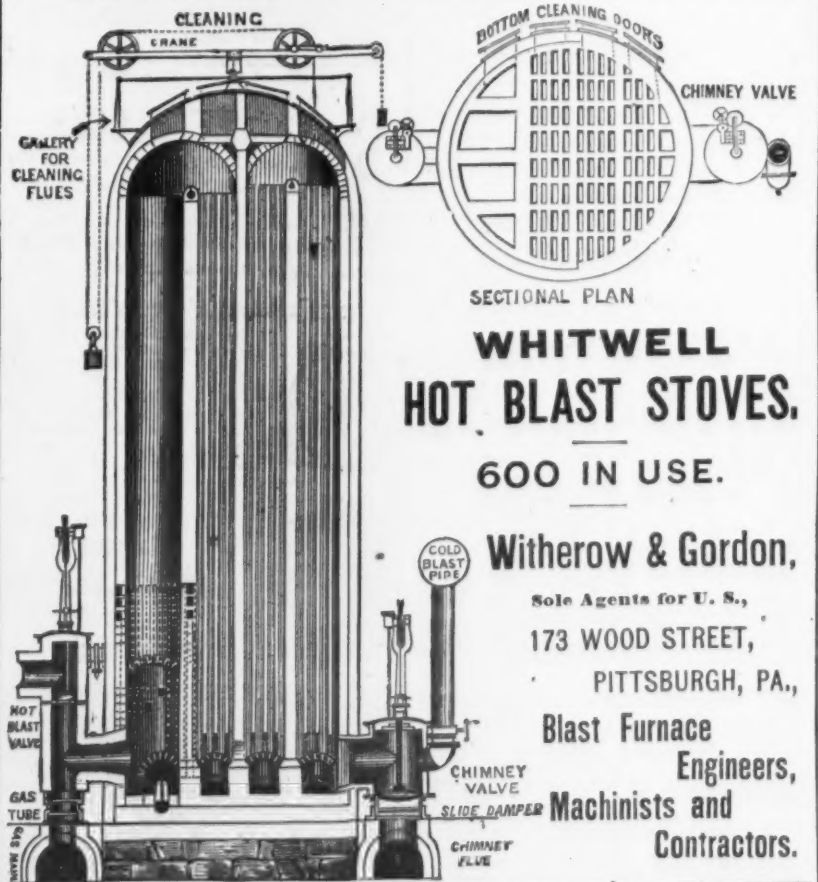
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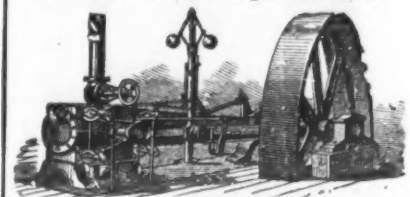
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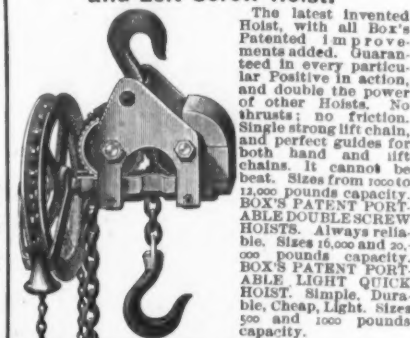
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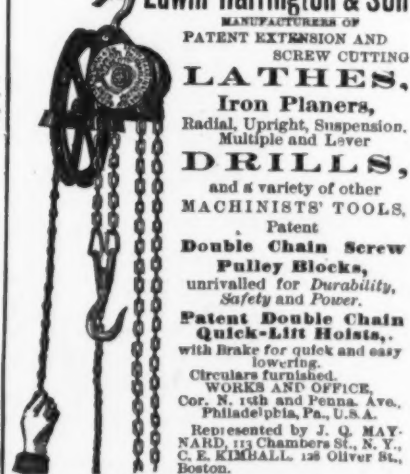
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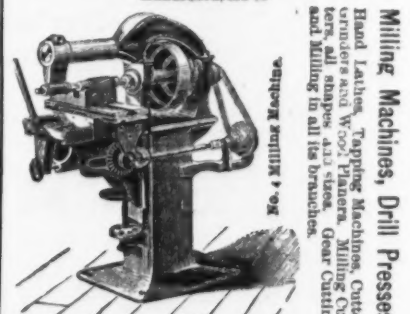
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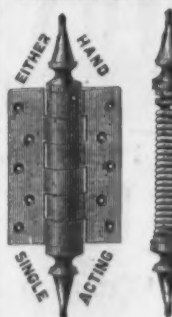
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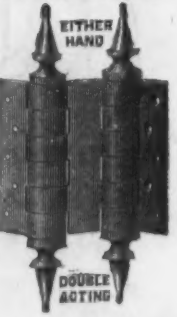
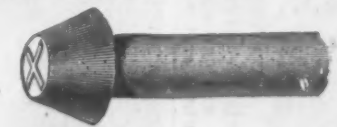
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